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Indy DPW continuing to respond to weather and road conditions

Crews to begin pothole blitz on Monday

INDIANAPOLIS – Following rainstorms that impacted Indianapolis 10 of the last 11 days, crews with the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) have been working around the clock to address reports of standing water in our city. Beginning Monday, crews will launch a pothole blitz to address the road issues that result from this above-average influx of rainfall.

This week saw the second time a storm system in April brought upwards of three inches of rainfall in a short window. This is a substantial amount of rain, nearly four inches above what is considered normal rainfall totals for this time in April.

With the frequent rainfall over the past two weeks, the ground is saturated, likely generating more runoff and causing localized flooding across Indianapolis. Drainage infrastructure can become overloaded and standing water on roadways can negatively impact the lifespan of the asphalt.

Since the start of April, Indy DPW has spent over 330 man-hours inspecting rain routes, we've cleaned off nearly 400 stormwater structures and storm grates and our forestry crews have spent 230 hours removing tree hazards such as debris and limbs.

Indy DPW is working long-term to help prevent flooding in our city, as well as using stormwater management as a way to prevent potholes. This year, we'll be adding new team members to respond to the increasing number of rapid precipitation events our community is experiencing:

- Senior Project Manager for stormwater engineering
- Three new field investigators for the operations division of Indy DPW, which will bring the total to nine for the division, providing more equitable geographic coverage with one dedicated to each township

Mayor Hogsett's 5-year, \$1.2 billion capital infrastructure plan is investing \$220 million in stormwater improvements, with \$177 million allocated to drainage work and \$26 million to culverts. Indy DPW's budget for stormwater-related projects has grown from \$43 million in 2017 to \$79 million in 2024, allowing the department to address more stormwater issues across the city.

As Citizens Energy Group (CEG) maintains the stormwater piping and roadside ditches for the city to facilitate safe and efficient control of stormwater, the City of Indianapolis utilizes the CEG call center to triage all stormwater drainage concerns from residents. When heavy rains cause flooding and drainage issues in city streets and sidewalks, notify CEG at (317) 924-3311. CEG will triage the concern and forward any appropriate issues to DPW dispatch for resolution.

As a property owner, you are responsible for drainage issues on your property. You can help by making sure drainage ditches, driveway pipes, and easements are in working order and clear of anything that would obstruct water flow.

Indy DPW also wants to remind the public to never travel through flood waters. Turn around, don't drown. Even a few inches of flood water can move a vehicle or sweep someone off their feet.

Ahead of another pothole blitz beginning on April 15, Indy DPW is asking residents to report potholes that have formed by contacting the Mayor's Action Center at 317-327-4622, or by using the Request Indy app or [online here](#).

For the latest information on stormwater projects included in the 2024 construction season, visit www.indy.gov/dpwprojects.

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