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**Hurricane Helene
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Anderson County Hurricane Helene Tuesday Update

Anderson, SC (October 1, 2024) – Tremendous progress has been made over the course of 5 days by crews cleaning roads, supplying life sustaining materials and closing the gap of emergent needs all across Anderson County.

The community is grateful for the heavy duty, ‘hands on approach’ from Upstate volunteer crews and Horry County joining our teams to open more roads day after day. Helene’s intense wind created more than 600 original requests scattered across the county with 60 remaining closed. Roads and Bridges have successfully re-opened 90% of roadways.

Please keep in mind, teams must wait to clean debris from the street until active power lines are removed by power companies. Power corporations have turned the lights on for about half of the county as of Tuesday. On Monday, 65% were without power and overnight progress shows a decrease down to 51%. That equates to about 57,000 households left without power.

Cases of water are now available at Starr Fire Department, Iva and Honea Path Town Halls, as well as Belton City Hall for only those that are Well Water. The same rule applies for one case per household. The large-scale medical shelter remains in full force as workers are tending to patients needing oxygen, medication and more.

Members of the South Carolina National Guard continue with clean-up efforts, including helping people be freed from their homes with their Debris and Chainsaw Teams.

We are happy to share a new tab specifically tailored to Hurricane Helene relief has been added to the Anderson County Emergency Management page. It is a “one stop shop” for helpful links and up to date numbers on the recovery effort.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.emd.andersonsheriff.org/helene>

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