

Helene Recovery Updates

February 28, 2025

The Helene Hotline
is now closed



I-40 Reopens

As of March 1, I-40 is now open with one lane in each direction through the gorge.

- Expect long delays
- Stay alert to traffic patterns
- Consider alternate routes, especially if you have health concerns
- Be patient!

Disaster Energy Assistance

Need help with heating systems that require repairs, are currently inoperable, have been disconnected, or are at risk of disconnection?

Learn More: www.readyhaywood.com/#assistance

Apply: Haywood Health and Human Services
157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 300, Clyde

Recovery Case Management

Get help with:

- access to recovery resources and programs in NC
- navigating recovery programs, FEMA assistance and other challenges
- identifying housing solutions
- developing a recovery plan that fits your situation and needs

CALL NC-DCM today:

1-844-746-2326 or visit: www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm

Free Disaster Legal Assistance

Call: 866-219-5262, ext. 2657 Mon - Fri; 8:30 - 4
online at: legallaidnc.org/disaster

Bridge and Road Rebuilding Help

Bridging Together Partnership:

www.ldrcarolinas.org/bridging-together/ or call 704-633-4862



Important Deadlines

- **FEMA Individual Assistance: March 8, 2025**
- **Disaster Unemployment: March 10, 2025**

English 919-629-3857

Spanish 919-276-5698

River Trash Cleanup



Haywood Waterways Association is offering FREE river bank cleanup services. They will bring a cleanup crew to your property to pick up and consolidate piles for curbside pickup.

Please note: they cannot remove large debris, like trees.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Acquisition (Buyout Program) - Elevation

Reconstruction - Landslide Assistance

How to Apply:

1. Visit NC Emergency Management's Hazard [Mitigation website](#).
2. Pick up application: 141 Hemlock St, Waynesville
3. Email completed applications to mitigation@haywoodcountync.gov or drop off in person: 141 Hemlock St, Waynesville, NC

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