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## County teams working to assist residents

Kane County teams Sunday afternoon are spreading out through the county to assess damages from the recent heavy rains and provide assistance to residents who have suffered from flooding.

Teams from the Office of Emergency Management, Health Department, Division of Transportation, Development Department and Water Resources are in areas that were hardest hit by the rains.

Several residents in a townhouse complex in the Prestbury subdivision in Sugar Grove were evacuated after water blocked their street. Eight residents from the complex took shelter in the Sugar Grove Fire Station. Several roads throughout the county still have standing water on them and drivers are advised to turn around when confronted with the situation.

Currently the only waterway in the county that has not yet crested is Blackberry Creek, which may crest about 8 p.m. Sunday. Health Department, Development Department and OEM teams are advising residents on steps to take following the flood. KDOT crews are traveling the county's highways to assess any damages. The county is prepared to assist the local communities in their efforts to recover from the flooding.

Information on road closures and community sand and sand bag collection points is available by logging on the Kane County Office of Emergency Management Web site at <a href="https://www.kcoem.org">www.kcoem.org</a>, or by calling (630) 208-2051.