

## **Press Release**

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### **Richland Center Officials Adjusting to Flooding in Richland County**

The City of Richland Center continues to cope with current flood conditions and related challenges. Mayor Larry Fowler announced that a State of Emergency has been issued for Richland Center.

Our Police Department has been busy with their normal workload, while answering high water problems, helping coordinate evacuations, and notifying residents of rising water.

The Wastewater Facility is functioning properly, but with all of the rain and high water, more than 3,000,000 gallons of water is being treated compared to the normal 1,500,000 gallons per day.

Public Works has been busy with street closings, assisting other departments, and monitoring water levels. The Parks Department has been busy moving non-anchored equipment out of the low areas of our parks and they are also assisting with sandbagging operations. Electric Utility crews have been working on disconnecting electric services to affected homes, apartments, and businesses while assisting other departments.

The City of Richland Center would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the Fire Department and Emergency Management Services who helped sandbag local buildings and evacuate the Richland Hills Apartments, Grove Street Apartments, and various other residents to safety.

We thank all the volunteers who continue to help our community with sandbagging and all those other jobs caused by this flood. We also thank all those members of our community working at the Emergency Operations Center who are bringing together all their talents to help coordinate the planning, operation, and recovery efforts.

As the flood water recedes, we will begin assessing the damage, and will undoubtedly ask for volunteers to continue to help the community.

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