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Flood Damage Clean-Up

From Tuesday 1 September 2015 the Greater Knysna area was hit by inclement weather which caused severe damage in some areas. Cost assessments are still being done.

A number of houses were flooded in Smutsville, Rheenendal, Hornlee West and the Northern Areas. The Disaster Management team assisted the affected persons and provided sandbags. Some residents in the Northern areas had to be placed with their relatives and friends, as their houses were flooded. The team assisted them to move and provided food parcels. Electricity supply was also affected in some areas in Buffalo Bay and the Northern Areas. Flooding caused extensive damage to roads throughout the Greater Knysna.

Rainfall statistics for 1 September are as follows: Sedgfield 110 mm, Rheenendal 100 mm, Knysna 62 mm, Karatara 151 mm, Buffalo Bay 92 mm, Brenton 142 mm and Belvidere 92 mm. Although there has been high volumes of rain, residents are still required to continuously save water. The heavy rain has had no great impact in improving the water situation and the municipality once again pleads with the community to use water sparingly, especially now that we are moving into the warmer season.

Fortunately no injuries and fatalities were reported. Clean-up operations have begun in various areas to remove the debris from the streets. The Municipality's Disaster Management Unit, Law Enforcement and Technical Services team worked tirelessly to assist members of the community who have been affected by the recent heavy rains.

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