



# Shelby County Office of Preparedness

## News Update

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### Tornado Damage Update

#### Morning Report

Inspectors from the City of Memphis Code Enforcement and Shelby County Code Enforcement bureaus continue to assess tornado damage today.

About 60 inspectors gathered at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center this morning. The inspectors then began a systematic survey of neighborhoods throughout Memphis and Shelby County to document damage.

The majority of damage was in the business district along Germantown Parkway near Interstate 40 and the nearby Countrywood subdivision. As many as 50 homes were damaged along Rockcreek Parkway. Most of the homes had roof damage and some storage sheds were destroyed.

Other damage was noted in the area near East High School and the Chickasaw Gardens area. Here's an update about the response efforts:

#### Roads Closed

- Rockcreek Parkway between Countrywood Parkway and Kingsrow Parkway
- Tishamingo
- East bound lane of Walnut Grove near Eastview

Motorists are urged to use caution. Public Works crews are still removing tree limbs and storm debris.

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## **Security**

Memphis Police report no looting. Additional officers patrolled through the late night to help keep damaged businesses and homes secure.

## **Electricity**

MLGW has made significant progress to get power to the damaged areas. Only 1,149 customers were without power as of this morning.

Other updates will be issued as new information becomes available.

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The Shelby County Office of Preparedness provides administrative assistance to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of Shelby County and the Memphis, TN Urban Area Security Initiative region. The Office of Preparedness is to assist the partnering jurisdictions in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from all-hazards threats. These threats and eventualities can be natural or man-made.