



Orange County, NC
Orange County Emergency Operations Center
Executive Summary



Tropical Storm Chantal

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Undeclared

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Declared 7/26

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*Expired 7/11/2025***Pre-Event Synopsis:**

- On July 3, 2025, the National Weather Service - Raleigh issued a weather briefing indicating a 40-60% potential for formation of a tropical cyclone off the coast of Florida. Key Points and primary concern was *“risk for some heavier rain across eastern NC Sunday into Monday”*
- On July 4, 2025, the NWS-Raleigh issued a weather briefing indicating a Tropical Depression (TD #3) had formed off the Southeast US coast and was expected to become a Tropical Storm in the next 24 hours. *Limited impacts expected for central NC at this time, with the primary hazard of potential 1-2 inches of rain over the Sandhills and Coastal Plain Sunday and Monday.*
- July 4, 2025, Orange County was placed in the “Cone of Uncertainty”, although forecast confidence was moderate, the predicted impacts were to the Sandhills and Coastal Plain.
- July 6, 2025 at 5:45 AM, NWS-Raleigh released a briefing indicating the storm’s path had shifted west, a Flood Watch was issued for Orange County, and “most-likely rainfall forecast” was 1.5”-2” of rain for Orange County. Reasonable worst- case scenario was forecasted at 3.1”-3.7” of rain.
- July 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM, the NWS-Raleigh issued an update indicating forecasted amounts had increased and some areas could experience 6”-9” of rain into the overnight hours.

Event Synopsis:

- Orange County received as much as 10” of rain from the storm, some locally higher or lesser amounts.
- Orange County EOC activated early in the afternoon on July 6, 2025 in a virtual postures and began coordination efforts.
- Orange County 911 began receiving a significant volume of calls around 7:00 PM July 6, 2025.
- County EOC moved to partial activation, in-person, at 11:00 PM on July 6, 2025 and remained activated 24/7 until 8:00 PM on Friday, July 12, 2025.
- Orange County Declared a State of Emergency signed and executed on Monday, July 7, 2025.
- Governor Stein Declared at State of Emergency signed and executed on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.
- The Small Business Administration issued a disaster declaration on 7/26, making low interest disaster loans available to residents and businesses.
- Governor Stein declared a Type I State Disaster for Orange and Durham Counties on 8/5. This authorizes Individual Assistance programs which can provide financial support for residents impacted by TS Chantal. He also requested Federal support through FEMA’s Public Assistance programs.



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Recovery Status Summary:

• Local Damage Assessment

- LDA was compiled and submitted to NCEM on 7/11/25

• Current Recovery Priorities

- Continue to provide transitional housing assistance
- Continue to support State and Federal recovery programs as needed (facility space, information requests, etc.)
- Coordinate with Long Term Recovery Group to identify and support unmet needs

• Disaster Declaration Assessment

- OC EOC assesses that Orange County has reached all local thresholds for state and federal disaster assistance.
- A Joint PDA for Individual Assistance (support to residents and businesses) was conducted with County/municipal Emergency Managers and partners from NCEM, FEMA, and the SBA on 7/15/25.
- The Small Business Administration issued a disaster declaration on 7/26/25. These programs make low interest disaster loans available for residents and businesses.
- A Joint PDA for Public Assistance (support to public and non-profit facilities) with County/municipal Emergency Managers and partners from NCEM and FEMA was conducted on 7/29/25.
- Governor Stein authorized State Individual Assistance programs for residents impacted by TS Chantal and requested federal support for Public Assistance on 8/5. These programs currently do not include assistance for repairs to private roads or bridges.

• Disaster Recovery Center at Drakeford Library

- Activated on 7/29/25 with Small Business Administration staff
- Staff from NCEM IA Programs activated to support Drakeford DRC on 8/6
- Staff from the Department of Insurance activated to support Drakeford DRC starting 8/12
- *The Disaster Recovery Center's operation has been extended through 9/12.*



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Number of Impacted Homes

Affected	130
Minor Damage	72
Major Damage	244
Destroyed	2
Total	448
Estimated Cost	\$24,164,394

Number of Impacted Businesses

Affected	5
Minor Damage	67
Major Damage	44
Destroyed	0
Total	116
Estimated Cost:	\$26,935,228

Public Assistance

Estimated Costs Countywide	\$24,549,616
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Small Business Administration Disaster Loans

Jurisdiction	Full Application Count	In Progress	Declined by SBA	Withdrawn by Applicant	Offer Count	Offer Amount	Disbursement	Disbursement Amount
Orange County	122	21	27	26	48	\$3,791,400	21	\$453,800
NC (all eligible Counties)	372	53	110	111	98	\$6,130,900	48	\$1,034,483

NCEM Individual Assistance

Number of Visitors to the Orange County Disaster Recovery Center	Number of Applications for State Individual Assistance	In Progress	Denied	Approved	Disbursement Amount	Applications Pending Final Review	Total Disbursement Amount for Applications Pending Final Review
280	187	186	0	1	\$6,148	7	\$70,000



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Key Community Messages

Where to get assistance

Visit www.ReadyOrange.org for a full list of community resources.

Community members in need of emergency temporary housing, financial, or material support (i.e. clothing, furniture, etc.) should call the Orange County Department of Social Services at **(919) 245-2800** to get connected with assistance.

The Small Business Administration has issued a disaster declaration for Orange County. Low interest loans are now available for residents and businesses impacted by Tropical Storm Chantal. Applications for SBA disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov>. Contact the SBA's Customer Service Center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance. People who are deaf or hard of hearing or have a speech disability can dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Governor Stein has issued a Type I Disaster declaration for Orange, Durham, Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Granville, Person, and Wake counties, activating state-funded individual assistance grants which may be used for needs such as temporary housing and rental assistance, replacement of personal property, medical or dental expenses, or funeral or burial expenses resulting from the emergency. To be eligible for State Individual Assistance, applicants must visit one of the disaster recovery centers that have been set up in impacted communities.

The Orange County Disaster Recovery Center has been established at the Drakeford Library Complex at 203 S. Greensboro Street in Carrboro. North Carolina Emergency Management IA staff and Small Business Administration staff are on-site to assist with applications and answer questions about their disaster programs. The Center is open from 8:30AM to 5PM Monday – Friday and from 10AM to 2PM on Saturdays.

Donations/Volunteers

The Tropical Storm Chantal community giving fund is dedicated to supporting local recovery efforts across Orange County and the towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. These funds will be targeted towards long term recovery needs for the community. Current donation numbers are over \$83,000.

www.orangecountync.gov/ChantalFund



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Disaster declaration request process

