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Heavy rain overflows storm drains, floods basements in CNY

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Central New Yorkers woke up to lots of water this morning.

In two days, Syracuse has had [2.56 inches of rain.](#)

And all that water flooded streets and basements, and impacted traffic in some areas.

Several residents reported flooded basements to Onondaga County 911 this morning. One Syracuse home had more than 4 feet of water in its basement, according to scanner reports.

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The New York State Department of of Environmental Conservation reported several areas where storm drains were overflowing. The areas around Onondaga Creek, Ley Creek and Harbor Brook in Syracuse were affected, according to the state DEC.

Flooding also closed one lane on the Onondaga Lake Parkway in the town of Salina Sunday night. The right lane on state Route 370 westbound was closed south of the railroad bridge at 8 p.m. Sunday and remained closed until 9:30 a.m. this morning.

Tom Kells, Oswego County Department of Public Works commissioner, warns drivers to slow down and avoid flooded roads.

Now that the rain has tapered off, CNYers will still need to brace for the wind.

A high wind warning remains in effect until 4 p.m. for Onondaga, Madison, Oneida and Otsego Counties. Wind gusts of 50 to 60 mph are expected, according to the National Weather Service. Strong winds may blow down limbs, trees and power lines. Scattered power outages are expected.

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There are 3,413 customers without power in Onondaga County, according to National Grid as of 9:15 a.m. Nearly 2,000 of those customers are located in the town of Onondaga and another 551 are in the city of Syracuse.

Kells said crews are dealing with numerous reports of downed trees and wires in Oswego County. And more than 3,500 customers are without power, according to National Grid.

"Don't go under downed power lines," Kells said. "Use caution."

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