

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Flood Event History

**Data from: National Climatic Data Center – NOAA Satellite and Information Service
01/01/1950 – 02/28/2009**

July 3, 1995

A bridge was underwater and secondary roads were flooded in Winston-Salem.

June 19, 1996

Three feet of water accumulated at the intersection of Poplar and First streets in downtown Winston-Salem. Several other roads in town were also seriously flooded due to 3 or more inches of rain in one hour.

September 10, 1996

Several major roads in Winston-Salem were covered with 3 feet of water due to persistent heavy rain.

January 8, 1998

Thunderstorms produced very heavy rain over eastern Forsyth County. Street flooding was reported at several locations in Walkertown.

April 17, 1998

An isolated strong thunderstorm moved over the Winston-Salem area very slowly from the northwest. Flooding was reported in many locations including Reynolda Road at Wake Forest University and along Interstate 40 and Highway 52 near downtown. 2 to 2.5 inches of rain fell in an hour over the western and downtown sections of the city. The slow moving storm also caused streams to come out of their banks west of the city all the way to the Yadkin River.

August 7, 2000

Flooding on I-40 at Silas Creek Parkway.

September 15, 2000

Highway 158 was flooded along with several secondary roads.

September 18, 2002

Flooding occurred on Highway 52 and University Parkway, and on Highway 65 near Winston-Salem. Creeks overflowed their banks near Pfafftown, flooding several roads.

February 22, 2003

Residences were flooded in Rural Hall.

March 20, 2003

Persistent heavy rain brought widespread flooding across central North Carolina, beginning in the morning of March 20 and continuing into the afternoon. Numerous roads across the area had to be closed due to flooding, and numerous creeks overflowed their banks. Rainfall amounts were mainly between 2 and 4 inches in less than 12 hours. The heaviest rain fell in Forsyth County, where major flooding occurred along Muddy Creek, Mill Creek, Grassy Creek. Several water rescues were needed. \$150,000 in property damage.

April 10, 2003

Persistent showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain and flooding across the Piedmont of North Carolina. Several creeks and streams overflowed their banks, leading to road flooding and numerous road closures.

May 25, 2003

Streets were flooded and a basement of a home was flooded off Highway 67 in Pfafftown.

July 29, 2003

Little Creek in Winston-Salem overflowed its banks and an apartment complex was damaged from flooding. A furniture store also sustained flood damage. \$100,000 in property damage.

September 23, 2003

Homes were flooded in Kernersville.

August 2, 2004

Salem Chapel United Church of Christ was flooded in Northeast Forsyth County.

August 12, 2004

Flash flooding was reported on 28th Street and Liberty in Winston-Salem, with two cars disabled due to high water.

September 27, 2004

Several blocks of downtown Winston-Salem were flooded. One apartment complex had to be evacuated.

July 7, 2005

In Pfafftown, heavy rainfall flooded a golf course with several inches of water. The back yards of several homes had high water as well. Several ponds and small lakes overflowed and threatened homes. A spotter reported 6.79 inches of rainfall in just over 5 hours.

May 8, 2008

A strong upper level low moving east-northeast across Kentucky and Tennessee triggered several instances of severe damaging winds and two tornadoes across the Triad region. Heavy

rain caused flash flooding on Peters Creek Parkway. Flash flooding also caused the evacuation of apartments on Johnsborough Court in the western portion of Winston-Salem.

August 27, 2008

The remnants of Hurricane Faye made landfall along the Louisiana coast and moved northeast across central North Carolina. This tropical system caused several roads to flood, including Beroth Road in the Lewisville area.