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Emergency Services Update On Flooding In County Clare And Ennis

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The Emergency Team comprises Clare Local Authorities, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Clare County and Fire Rescue Service, Clare Civil Defence and the Army. The Emergency Team is in regular contact with the Office of Public Works, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and other agencies. Priorities for the emergency team include public safety, protection of property and relaying timely and accurate information and advice. Members of the public are advised to make essential journeys only.

A significant number of routes in County Clare, including Ennis, are closed due to flooding (information on all closed routes below). The only access routes to Ennis are the Tulla Road and Kilrush Road. All other approach roads to Ennis, including the Gort Road, are closed.

The Emergency Services are presently evacuating areas where flooding cannot be controlled by sandbags or pumps. Approximately 40 households at Elm Park (Gort Road) and Oakwood Drive (Watery Road) in Ennis have been evacuated today due to serious flooding. The Emergency Services are presently attempting to fill a breach in a river wall, close to the Club Bridge in Ennis Town Centre (Abbey Street Carpark). Ennis Recycling Centre and Ennis Dog Pound in the Gort Industrial State have been closed due to flooding.

The Emergency Services are monitoring levels of water on an ongoing basis. In the interests of personal safety people should avoid contact with flood waters and parents are requested to be particularly vigilant with children. A help line (1890-252943) has been set up for members of the public in Ennis.

Despite today's respite from the heavy rain of previous days, it is expected that tidal conditions will continue to pose a flooding threat in County Clare and, in particular, Ennis. It is expected that further rain over the weekend will create additional flooding problems for Ennis.

Ennis District as of 11.30am on 20/11/09

Girroga Lake has burst its bank threatening to flood Gort Road industrial Estate
Abbey Street car park slight flooding
Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Road, limited access
Honeywell is flooded.
Abbey Street - Closed for traffic
Newbridge Road, Ennis not passable.
Causeway link now open
Tubber Road, Corofin - not passable.
Druimmin, on Kilrush Road. - Stop / Go system, Ennis Bound Lane is not passable.
Lissane chr(38) Kildysart Road, Clarecastle, not passable.
Cusack Lawn, Lahinch Road, Ennis - Not passable
Tobertaiscean closed from Limerick road junction
Clonroad, Mangan's to Suttons Lights not passable
Drehidnagower Road is flooded but passable
Drumcliff Road from Lees Road complex to Graveyard not passable
Dun Na Hinse on Lahinch Road, not passable
Castlefergus, Quin - bad but passable.

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Spencil Hill to Quin bad but passable.

Toonagh, Fountain on Corofin Road not passable.

Lifford rd closed

Harmony row closed

Watery Road, - Not passable.

Limerick Road Captain Mac's- Not passable.

Aughanteeroe Estate, Gort Rd, At the back is under water and is rising into driveways.- sand bags have been delivered to all houses

Glassan Estate, and Claireen Drive, Drumcliff Rd, is Flooded.

Ballyline on the N18 flooding on road but passable.

Gort Road one lane only

Elm Park housing estate - closed

Bridge at back -place closed

Shannon District

Shannon to Newmarket on Fergus Road (Old Road) Bad but passable

Crowe's shop Sixmilebridge at junction with Cratloe Road, flooded but passable.

Old roads in the back parts Newmarket on Fergus are flooded

Ennistymon District

North of Inagh on Ennis To Ennistymon Road not passable,

Maurice's Mills road from Corofin Road - Not passable.

All towns North of Ennistymon ~ (Ballyvaughan, Carron) Not passable.

Detours in place and are well sign posted

Kilrush District

Doonbeg at Mount River's Bridge is not passable

Shragh not passable.

Cooraclare to Kilrush and Cooraclare to Cree is flooded but passable.

Annaghgeeragh Bridge from Cree to Miltown Malbay not passable.

Flooding Cappa not passable

Killaloe District

Old Road from Tulla to Quin is not passable.

R461 Feakle to Scarriff road is not passable.

R466 Broadford to Tulla Rd is not passable. Two large floods two miles out of Broadford.

Divert take Broadford to Bodyke road go left for O Callaghan's mills

One mile out of Broadford on the Sixmilebridge road Doon Lake had burst its banks.

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