

# Helene Recovery Updates

March 14, 2025

**Last Pass for Debris Removal – March 28**  
(Haywood County, Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley)

Last Pass for Waynesville was Feb. 28



## I-40 Reopens

As of March 1, I-40 is now open with one lane in each direction through the gorge.

- Expect long delays
- Stay alert to traffic patterns
- Consider alternate routes, especially if you have health concerns
- Be patient!

## Disaster Energy Assistance

Need help with heating systems that require repairs, are currently inoperable, have been disconnected, or are at risk of disconnection?

**Learn More:** [www.readyhaywood.com/#assistance](http://www.readyhaywood.com/#assistance)

Apply: Haywood Health and Human Services  
157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 300, Clyde

## Recovery Case Management

Get help with:

- access to recovery resources and programs in NC
- navigating recovery programs, FEMA assistance and other challenges
- identifying housing solutions
- developing a recovery plan that fits your situation and needs

CALL NC-DCM today:

1-844-746-2326 or visit: [www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm](http://www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm)

## Free Disaster Legal Assistance

Call: 866-219-5262, ext. 2657 Mon - Fri; 8:30 - 4  
online at: [legallaidnc.org/disaster](http://legallaidnc.org/disaster)

## Bridge and Road Rebuilding Help

Bridging Together Partnership:

[www.ldrcarolinas.org/bridging-together/](http://www.ldrcarolinas.org/bridging-together/) or call 704-633-4862

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## Important Deadlines

- FEMA Individual Assistance: **April 7, 2025**
- SBA Loan: **April 27, 2025**

*FEMA Disaster Recovery Center*  
112 Industrial Park Drive Waynesville NC 28786

## River Trash Cleanup



Haywood Waterways Association is offering FREE river bank cleanup services. They will bring a cleanup crew to your property to pick up and consolidate piles for curbside pickup.

Note: they cannot remove large debris, like trees.

## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

*Acquisition (Buyout Program) - Elevation*  
*Reconstruction - Landslide Assistance*

### How to Apply:

1. Visit NC Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation website.
2. Pick up application: 141 Hemlock St, Waynesville
3. Email completed applications to [mitigation@haywoodcountync.gov](mailto:mitigation@haywoodcountync.gov) or drop off in person: 141 Hemlock St, Waynesville, NC

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