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PARSONS, W.Va. — Tucker County experienced heavy rain and flash flooding from Friday night's storm in northern West Virginia.

Areas that were most affected were the low-lying communities of Leadmine and Horseshoe.

Multiple streams overflowed and a number of roads were closed due to debris from the rain.

Above is a gallery of photos from the [Parsons Volunteer Fire Department](#).

Overnight Flash Flooding Prompts Evacuations in West Virginia

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Radar-estimated rainfall (contours) and reports of flash flooding Saturday night into early Sunday morning in northern West Virginia and the Maryland Panhandle.

At a Glance

- **Heavy rain hammered parts of West Virginia and western Maryland Saturday night and early Sunday morning.**
- **This led to serious flash flooding, particularly in Grant County, West Virginia.**

- **The flooding prompted evacuations of over 20 homes.**

Heavy rain triggered flash flooding overnight Saturday night and early Sunday morning in parts of northern West Virginia, prompting evacuations in several areas near the border with western Maryland.

About 20 homes were evacuated due to rising water in Bayard, West Virginia, early Sunday morning, local law enforcement told the National Weather Service. Two feet of water was reported across Front Street near the post office in Bayard, about 125 miles west-northwest of Washington, D.C. along the border with western Maryland.

Route 90, the primary highway in northwest Grant County was flooded in several locations between Bayard and Gorman, according to the local 911 call center. Numerous other roads were reported flooded in northwest Grant County.

The NWS estimated 2 to 7 inches of rain fell overnight in this part of northeast West Virginia and western Maryland, following an afternoon and evening of severe thunderstorms with [damaging straight-line winds](#) in the Mid-Atlantic states.

This heavy rain over hilly terrain led to a 10-foot rise of the North Branch of the Potomac River at Steyer, Maryland, in four hours, leading the NWS to issue a rare [flash flood emergency](#). The river, which also runs through Bayard, normally is only 2.5 feet deep.

Elsewhere, low-lying homes along Seneca Creek near the town of Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, were also evacuated. Route 33 between Onego and Seneca Rocks was flooded.

Swift-water rescues were ongoing Sunday morning in Randolph County, West Virginia, according to the NWS.

Water rescues were also ongoing Sunday morning at the Arnold Park Campground in Tucker County near the town of Lead Mine, West Virginia.

In Preston County, West Virginia, route 24 was closed in multiple locations near Eglon and a number of roads were closed near Aurora.

WV Gazette State of emergency declared due to flooding in 8 northern WV counties

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Two swift-water rescues occurred Saturday morning in the Lead Mine area of Tucker County, according to Jason Myers, public information officer for the county's office of emergency management. One man was stranded on the roof of his truck and the other was rescued while clinging to a utility pole, Myers said.

Lead Mine and Horseshoe were the two areas in the county hit hardest by the flooding, but most of the water had receded as of Saturday afternoon, he said.

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