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Rain and Hail Causes Damage to Properties

The State Emergency Service (SES) received more than 20 calls for assistance mainly from the Mid Mountains area resulting from damaged caused by the heavy rain and hail on both Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th January.

Many of these calls were for water entering properties, particularly from the hail storm experienced on Thursday when 40mm of rain was reported in Woodford within a 2 hour period.

“Hail creates a major issue with drainage”, stated Costa Zakis, Controller for Blue Mountains SES.

“Whilst many residents keep their gutters clean of leaves, ice from hail storms can block downpipes causing the water to back up into the ceiling space.

Mr Zakis continued, “With the quick onset of hail storms, very hard to get emergency teams to clear the downpipes in a timely manner”.

The SES also responded to a number of trees that had fallen in soft ground after rain on Wednesday.

For more information about the SES and how to protect your property, ring 132500 and speak to the Duty Officer, or visit the website at www.bluemts.com.au/ses.

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