49 inches and counting



The Reedy River raged and flooding was reported throughout the Upstate as heavy rain fell across the area Tuesday morning. JOHN OLSON/STAFF

UPSTATE EXCEEDS RAINFALL AVERAGE

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The almost 2 inches of rain that fell Tuesday morning brought the annual rainfall to 49 inches, exceeding the Upstate's annual average amount, according to the National Weather Service.

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport received 1.99 inches of rain between about 3 a.m. and 9 a.m., said Scott Krentz, a NWS meteorologist in Greer.

He said that brings the yearly total to 49 inches. That's 20.5 inches above normal for this point in the year, he said.

Normal annual rainfall is about 47.6 inches, he said.

There's a good chance the year's total rainfall will climb in coming days, with at least a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms daily through Sunday.

Temperatures will generally remain in the 80s, possibly hitting the low 90s over the weekend, according to the weather service.

A record total of 14.45 inches of rain fell at GSP in July, on top of 9.43 inches in June, with temperatures below normal both months.

Tuesday morning's rainfall did cause some area flash flooding, especially in Belton, where a creek overflowed onto some roadways, Krentz said.

There were no known injuries or property damage.

Jay Marett, Greenville County emergency management director, said the Upstate escaped any serious issues linked to Tuesday's downpour.

"Everything ran off," he said. "We're looking OK today."

He said the storm stalled over Spartanburg.