

## Sunny skies, cool nighttime temps in forecast

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ANDERSON — A spring thunderstorm caused fewer than a hundred power outages Friday, but this week sunglasses and jackets are in order.

The downside to the clear skies forecast for the next two weeks is that Anderson is already building a rainfall deficit.

On Monday the area lacked more than a quarter of an inch of rain for April, said Doug Outlaw, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service. Anderson has received 0.67 inches, but usually measures an inch by now, Outlaw said.

Anderson-area lakes benefited from March showers.

Hartwell Lake stood 653 feet above sea level on Monday, up from 652.92 on March 26. But Lake Jocassee was 24 feet lower than full pool, and Lake Keowee maintained the same depth as in March.

Highs will reach the 60s and 70s this week, a departure from the 80-degree temperatures that have been common. Tuesday's high is 77, while Wednesday's high will read only 65.

A cold front is forecast to cross the Upstate in mid week.

Nighttime lows will drop to 35 Wednesday night and 43 Thursday, with a chance of frost Thursday morning.

"We're not expecting any freezing temperatures," Outlaw said.

Anderson is in the thick of its spring storm season, and damage from Friday's storm left fewer than 100 homes without power in the Anderson area, said Duke Power spokesman Jason Walls. The homes received power again shortly after the storm, he said.

The typically short but strong storms can damage roofs, said Bill Craig, owner of Turn Key Construction in Simpsonville.

He and his construction crews have been repairing homes damaged by a storm that struck Spartanburg and Greer last Saturday. The week before that they were making repairs from a storm in Greenville.

