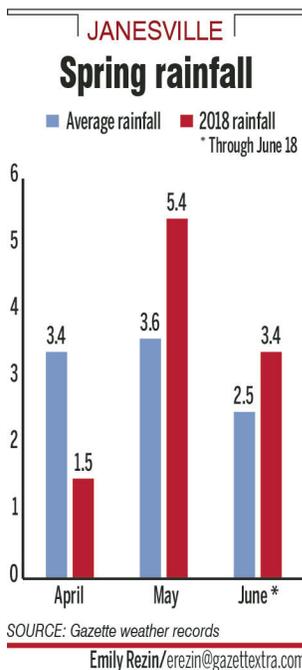


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Rock County to get a rain reprieve

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JANESVILLE

Rock County residents might feel like they've been "rainsacked" over the last 48 hours.

"Rainsacked" isn't really a word, but it might as well be after Monday's storms toppled trees on Janesville's east side, flooded yards and gutters, and left residents feeling like they'd been smacked by a sack of wet towels.

In some cases, the storm ripped whole trees out of the ground.

Forecasters say we'll get a short break this week before being rainsacked again Friday.

Trees on Wright Road on the city's east side were hit especially hard by storms that rolled through Monday into Tuesday. However, Ben Miller of the National Weather Service office in Sullivan told The Gazette on Monday that the damage was "fairly isolated."

Dane and Columbia counties were under flash-flood warnings Monday because of heavy rain over a short period of time. Authorities there received numerous reports of water entering basements and cars stuck in standing water near Madison.

A flash flood warning was issued for Rock County near Turtle Creek in Clinton and Beloit, but National Weather Service meteorologist Sean Miller—no relation to Ben Miller—said the water has already crested.

“People should only expect minor flooding in that area, but nothing more than that,” he said. “The Janesville area shouldn’t see much standing water.”

Miller said Rock River levels aren’t expected to rise much, if at all.

Janesville hasn’t lacked moisture this spring. Gazette weather records show the city received above-average rainfall in May and so far in June after a rather dry April.

More rain is possible early Wednesday morning. After that, residents can expect dry weather for a few days, Sean Miller said.

“There will be some light showers on and off through today (Tuesday). We are done with the heavier stuff, and the precipitation will mostly come to an end overnight,” he said.

In the meantime, Janesville crews have been working continuously to clean up tree debris.

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