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(Neb.)-Sidney Cleaning Up After Storm Topples Trees And Tears Up Buildings UPDATED 2:49 PM  [Listen](#)



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(Sidney)-A storm ripped through the Panhandle community of Sidney on Monday night, and residents are trying to clean up in the aftermath. According to KSID Radio in Sidney, crews have been working through the night to restore power through town and the hope was most, if not all, electricity would be back on by the lunch hour.

That was also the hopeful timetable for opening the north Sidney underpass, which was flooded by torrential rains Monday evening and blocked by a driver who got their vehicle stuck in the floodwaters.

Other damage reports the station had either seen or learned of through city officials included a multiple train car derailment along Hickory Street, the awning at Grandma Jo's restaurant downtown was destroyed on the west side of the building, a massive pine tree toppled over at the Sidney post office and crushed the Western Drug pharmacy sign, the Points West Community bank sign across from the post office suffered significant damage, a semi was toppled over on I-80 forcing traffic to be re-directed for two hours, the roof was sheared off of a large apartment building on 9th Avenue, and Sidney's cemetery had been closed until further notice due to at least 20 trees being uprooted.

Pockets of Sidney have been without power since the storm unleashed its wrath Monday evening, but word from city officials is that large chunks of town are being restored. UPDATE: 2:49 PM As of 3 pm on Tuesday, power has been restored to virtually all areas within the City. Residents of the apartment building where the roof was ripped off are now seeking other lodging, and the American Red Cross has stepped in to help out. The National Weather Service is now reporting that up to one inch of rain fell within six minutes during the storm.

(Story courtesy KSID Radio, Sidney)

Citizens have been contributing photos, which have been posted on the KSID website news page (www.ksidradio.com).

Large trees were toppled in spots across town causing power lines and poles to snap, yard items were tossed around and vegetation debris was still littered throughout streets in neighborhoods Tuesday morning.