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**Storm floods houses
 Hundreds flee as water, mud damage homes**

Darren Meritz / El Paso Times

Residents throughout El Paso contended with flooding at their homes after the third day of monsoonal thunderstorms struck the region, and hundreds were forced to evacuate to emergency shelters established by emergency and rescue officials.

Mark Matthys, executive director of the Red Cross in El Paso, said the disaster relief organization set up several shelters Tuesday throughout the county to provide relief to residents displaced from their homes.

Many who were not forced to evacuate still contended with significant property damage and hardships.



Aidee Wilcox helped her neighbors salvage what was left of their West Side home Tuesday after it filled with up to three feet of water.

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 (Mark Lambie / El Paso Times)

The first floor of Keitron Todd's home in the 6400 block of Franklin Summit was flooded with at least a foot of water Tuesday morning, ruining his furniture, electronics and personal effects and displacing his family.

Todd, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, said he was leaving his home about 10 a.m. Tuesday when he saw a rush of water, mud and debris flooding down toward his vehicle.

"Kind of the California mudslide look is what I saw," he said.

He pulled off the road onto higher ground and ran to his home, taking a different route, where water had pooled onto the street and into his first floor.

"My neighbors are in the same condition as well," he said. "Several of their homes were completely destroyed."

Todd said he and his family wouldn't be able to stay at their home Tuesday night.

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Erica Montes, who lives near Doniphan and Mesa, drove her truck to the parking lot of Wal-Mart at Mesa and Remcon Circle to pick up sandbags.

Firefighters at the lot were giving away hundreds of sandbags.

"The water has already gotten into my garage. I want to try to stop it from getting into my house," Montes said.

Kamerina and Andres Barreiro, who live on Jim DeGroat Street on the West Side, spent almost four hours carrying buckets from their back yard to their front yard. Rising waters were flooding the back part of the house.

The family has now filled 20 sandbags and hopes the water will be held at bay.

"We saved our house," Kamerina Barreiro said.

Mario Ruiz, and his girlfriend, Michelle Flores. We filled two of those city trash cans and emptied them I don't how many times. My arms hurt. My back hurts. Everything hurts."

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