

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SPRING RUN-OFF & FLOOD GUIDANCE

FLOODING POTENTIAL:

- There is likelihood for more flooding and road destruction during spring run-off, not limited to the areas that were impacted by the 2013 Flood Disaster, in part because of heavy snow loads.
- Flash flooding can occur quickly, even when it is not raining or melting at your location.

PREPARING MAKES SENSE:

Take the time now to plan for taking care of yourself and your family during a flood emergency.

- Flooding events occur so quickly you may not receive a warning. You may need to take action on your own initiative to evacuate either from your neighborhood (if there is time) or just to higher ground. If you are unsure, evacuate first and only then try to call for information.
- **Even if you are not directly affected by floodwaters, your access and utility services may be cut off.**
- Clean out culverts.
- Clear your property of any potential debris, such as patio furniture, portable sheds, vehicles, bicycles, and unnecessary bridges that may be swept away or clog the flow of water causing damming and further damage.
- Evaluate whether vehicle access bridges are anchored and capable of accommodating Emergency vehicles and necessary deliveries, such as propane.
- Prepare to be self-sufficient for three to five days: potable water, food, **MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL DEVICE NEEDS**. First responders may not be able to reach you immediately.
- You may be without vehicle access, natural gas, phone, cell phone and electricity service for several days. Consider alternatives for communication, heat and cooking.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN:

Planning before a disaster can help your family evacuate and reunite faster:

- Have an out-of-state contact for everyone to call or text to check in.
- Have at least one, preferably two, safe (higher ground) meeting locations for family members.
- Practice moving to your safe locations; choose different routes to get there.

VEHICLE SAFETY: TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN

- Never drive your vehicle through flood waters. **DO NOT** drive around barricades.
- If your vehicle stalls, **LEAVE IT IMMEDIATELY** and seek higher ground.

CREATE EMERGENCY KITS FOR EVACUATION AND FOR SHELTERING IN PLACE IF YOU CANNOT EVACUATE:

Being prepared also means having access to supplies in case of an emergency. Ideally, you will have (1) supplies for a To-Go Kit, for your use after you have evacuated until you can return to your home and (2) supplies at home in the event you cannot evacuate and are isolated in your home.

What do you need if you cannot go home for several days? A To-Go Kit should include important documents for use while evacuated and for use afterward in the event your property is damaged. Do not forget a supply of necessary medications and medical supplies.

What do you need every day? Every week? What will you need if you have no access, no water and no utilities? For supplies at home, remember you will need a minimum of 1 gallon of water per person per day (and more if you have pets or plan on cooking with water). Well water may not be safe during or after flooding even if you have electricity to pump it. You must have a sufficient supply of necessary medications and other medical needs. Don't forget sanitation needs.

The American Red Cross website www.redcross.org/services/disaster/ or www.Ready.gov has guidance on making plans and gathering supplies.

For questions, to coordinate for picking up sandbags for pre-staging, and for further information you may leave a message on the SPRING RUN-OFF PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION LINE [303-670-7530](tel:303-670-7530). You will receive a follow-up call.