



Snowmass Village Homeowner Be Prepared for Spring Runoff and Flooding

Spring flooding is a strong possibility in our area this year due to the combination of warm temperatures, record snow pack and the likelihood of heavy spring precipitation.

As a homeowner, you or your property manager should take extra precautions if:

- ✓ You have diverted water from runoff for water features on your property.
- ✓ You live anywhere near a water runoff culvert.
- ✓ Your home is located on a sloping property, or has a sloping driveway leading down to your home.
- ✓ You have experienced flooding in the past.
- ✓ You have landscaping that does NOT provide positive drainage AWAY from your home.

More Tips:

- **Call 9-1-1 to report any flooding or property in danger.**
- Report water bubbling from the ground. This could indicate a broken water main.
- **Do Not** attempt a rescue without proper training and equipment.
- Keep children and pets away from fast moving streams and higher water. Even six inches of quickly flowing water can knock you off your feet.
- Don't allow children to play near high water, storm drains or ditches.
- Stay away from ground level electrical transformers that are inundated by floodwaters.
- If your basement is flooded, try to turn off electrical and gas appliances from an outdoor source.
- Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks, and storm drains. **DO NOT** drive around barricades, they are there for your safety.
- Know what the weather is doing. Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or your local media for vital weather related information.
- **Have a READY KIT**
A disaster supply kit with essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days (72-hours). This kit should be kept in a designated place and be ready to "grab and go" in case you have to leave your home quickly because of a disaster, such as a fire or flash flood. Make sure all household members know where the kit is kept.

In addition, we strongly recommend that you contact your homeowner's insurance agent to discuss your coverage for flooding events prior to this year's "spring runoff." Take precautions to avoid flood damage by covering low lying basement windows with ½ inch plywood and removing valuables from lower level rooms within your home. If you suspect that you have flooding potential check into purchasing sandbags and pre-fill them to be ready for use at a moments notice. Check your local hardware store or lumber yard for availability. Sandbags available online at: (www.sandbagexpress.com or www.esandbags.com)

All of your Town of Snowmass Village Emergency Services Departments have been cooperatively planning for a flooding event during this years "spring runoff season." However, we cannot be totally prepared without every individual property owner's help and vigilance. We need everyone to take appropriate actions on their own behalf to prevent the possible flooding to your property. Thank you.

For more information or specific advice for your property please call: 970-923-5330

