

Winter Flooding FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions about flood protection projects and regular flood prevention maintenance undertaken by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as well as links to flood preparedness tips and where to get information in an emergency.

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Q: What does the Flood District do to prevent flooding?

A: The District undertakes preventative measures throughout the County to reduce the risk of flood damage to property and loss of life. This includes regular maintenance of stream channels in urban reaches of the County to maintain flow conveyance as well as the monitoring and operation of the Napa River Flood Protection Project during forecast high water events. Flood District staff monitors flood control facilities and the County stream and precipitation gage network during severe weather events to provide information to emergency personnel about flooding potential. In a flood event, City and County emergency services coordinate flood response activities and are the primary sources for flood related information and support.

- Link to the Napa River Flood Control Project:
<http://www.countyofnapa.org/NapaFloodControlProject/>
- Link to Napa County's precipitation, stream and river level monitoring website: <https://napa.onerain.com/home.php>
- Link to Napa County Flood Control Watershed Management page:
<http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentContent.aspx?id=4294971512>

Q: What can I do to be prepared for a flood?

The Napa County Office of Emergency Services as well as City of Napa both provide useful information on their websites about what you can do to be prepared for a flood. In addition, the Flood Control District can help address certain flood hazards such as trees that have fallen into the stream channel.

- Link to Napa County OES Flood Preparedness page:
<http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentContent.aspx?id=4294980453>
- Link to City of Napa Emergency Services:
http://www.cityofnapa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=97&Itemid=969

- ➔ Link to Citizen's Guide to Flood Preparedness:
<http://www.cityofnapa.org/images/emergencyinfo/documents/citizensguidetoflooding.pdf>
- ➔ Report large downed trees and other significant flood hazards located in creeks and drainage channels to the Napa Flood Control District, (707) 259-8600.

Q: Is my home in a flood zone?

A: Use the public map viewer at the link below to search for your address or parcel. FEMA flood zones are represented as layers that can be toggled on and off. Remember that flooding also occurs in areas outside designated FEMA flood zones (for example roadway flooding) and conditions can change rapidly. Never attempt to drive through standing water on a road.

- ➔ Link to public facing map with FEMA flood layer
http://gis.napa.ca.gov/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=Public_HTML
- ➔ Link to National Weather Service safety PSA, "Turn Around Don't Drown"
<http://tadd.weather.gov/>

Q: Where do I find information about current flooding, river and stream levels and weather conditions?

A: Check the City and County websites for updates to see if there is an active flood advisory. For current precipitation, river and stream level monitoring data from a network of automated gage sites throughout Napa County visit the website at the link below. .

- ➔ Link to City of Napa: www.cityofnapa.org
- ➔ Link to Napa County OES page <http://www.countyofnapa.org/emergencies/>
- ➔ Link to Napa County's precipitation, stream and river level monitoring website: <https://napa.onerain.com/home.php>