



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Residents of Dallas County Should Be On High Alert for Flood Conditions

Residents of Dallas County should be on high alert for flood conditions. Due to the recent rain, lake levels are at capacity and it is necessary for the Army Corps of Engineers to make releases regardless of rainfall. These releases, combined with heavy rain, could result in flooding in low lying areas. Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management County Judge Clay Jenkins and Emergency Management Coordinator Chief Doug Bass met with the top decision makers at the Army Corps of Engineers today and are in communication with our partners at the National Weather Service, the Army Corps of Engineers and our first responder community. We are working with potentially effected municipalities to share information in an effort to keep you safe. Please do your part: Turn round, don't drown. It is never safe to go near or in flood engorged waters. Help us help you by not stretching resources. Barricades are always there for a reason, please do not cross barricades and go towards waterways that have been blocked for your safety. We all have a part to play, please help us keep the community safe in times of severe weather.

Below are several important flood preparedness tips from www.Ready.gov:

- Know your flood risk by entering your address here:
www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/flooding_flood_risks/defining_flood_risks.jsp
- Know your evacuation routes; plan your transportation and a place to stay
- Practice how you will communicate with family members
- Store supplies so you can grab them quickly if you need to evacuate; know in advance what else you will need to take
- Elevate critical utilities like electrical panels, appliances and heating systems
- Waterproof the basement
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts
- Move furniture, valuables, and important documents to a safe place

You can find more information on how to prepare for and respond to a flood and severe weather at the following website:

- www.Ready.gov (Spanish language site www.Listo.gov)

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