



Emergency Management

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Dear Property Owner/Resident,

As you are undoubtedly aware we have saturated soils, a wet current weather forecast, and the existing high water levels of Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Kansas River and Big Blue River. We hope this letter, and the information provided, can assist you in preparation for and if necessary, the clean up after flood damage has occurred. All of the links in this letter can be found on the Riley County website.

www.rileycountyks.gov

First, be notified of the weather and possible actions that need to be taken. Sign up for the free Everbridge Notification System at the Riley County website. <https://www.rileycountyks.gov/917/Emergency-Notifications>

To prepare for flooding:

- Take immediate precautions to protect personal items, critical records, and vehicles. i.e.: move to a friend's house, rent storage space out of the floodplain, buy or rent enclosed trailers or storage containers of a moving company to store goods, move vehicle to a known dry location
- Have a way to get notified. i.e. Everbridge Notification System, NWS, USGS, Local radio or TV provider
- Have a plan to evacuate quickly. Move items off floor or to higher level in your house or business.
- Have a "GO" kit ready with spare glasses, prescriptions, list of emergency phone contacts if you lose your cell phone or coverage.
- Plan to be self-sustained for 48-72 hours.
- Find alternative escape routes in case the normal roads are flooded.
- Negotiate relocating farm animals to a friend or neighbor who has property out of the flood plain.
- Check on friends or neighbors who may have critical needs and have not planned ahead.

Flood insurance:

No home is completely safe from potential flooding. Flood insurance can be the difference between recovering and being financially devastated. Just one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage—why risk it? You can get flood insurance for a home that you are renting too.

Remember, there is a waiting period for flood insurance. If you buy your policy through the National Flood Insurance Program, coverage may take at least 30 days from the purchase date to activate. The waiting period might be shorter — around 10 to 14 days — if you buy private flood insurance. Please contact your insurance agent. There are 3 links on the Riley County website to help you with securing flood insurance. www.rileycountyks.gov

Please see the enclosed "Emergency Supply List," to assist you in being proactive for emergency preparedness. This list is a good start, but we have much more information to share.

Information on the Riley County website www.rileycountyks.gov includes:

- Tetanus and Flooding Facts
- Flood Cleanup
- Flood Water Hazards
- Bored and Drilled Wells
- Onsite systems and sanitary insights
- Information from KDHE on multiple topics

If you have questions or need more information, refer back to the Riley County website frequently as we will be adding information as it becomes available. You can also contact:

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More information is also available on the City of Manhattan website at www.cityofmnhk.com/flood.
Updates will be shared on Facebook [ManhattanFloodUpdates](https://www.facebook.com/ManhattanFloodUpdates) and Twitter [@updatesflood](https://twitter.com/updatesflood)