

Flood Safety

- **Turn Around, Don't Drown!** ®
- **Do not drive** through a flooded area! More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Two feet of water can float a vehicle.
- **Do not walk** through flowing water! Six inches of water can knock you off your feet. Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains as small people can easily be sucked into culverts. Individuals can also be injured by debris that has been picked up by the flood waters.
- **Stay away** from both power and electrical lines! If you feel your house is in danger of flooding, turn off the power at the service box before leaving. Electrical current can travel through water, resulting in the 2nd leading cause of flood deaths: electrocution.
- **Be alert** to gas leaks! Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to your gas company and do not use any open flames.
- **Do not use** gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages! Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.
- **After the flood**, clean everything that has been wet! Flood water can be contaminated with sewage and other contaminants which pose severe health threats.

Flood Warning System

- **The best defense** against flooding is to have a plan prior to a potential flood event! When the flood starts, it's too late to think about a plan.
- **Know the signs** of imminent flooding such as rapid rise in water levels or areas flooding that don't normally do so. If you encounter flooded roads call Haysville Police Department NON-EMERGENCY number at (316) 529-5912.
- **Monitor television, radio, or internet** for flood watches and warnings. You may want to consider signing up for text alerts from your local media outlets. Remember—outdoor warning devices are not sounded for flood warnings.
- **Get a NOAA Weather Alert Radio.** These are a valuable tool to receive flood alerts.
- **Evacuate**—if you must evacuate, do so early! Roads may rapidly become impassible and conditions may be too dangerous for rescue personnel.
- **Remember**—it is your responsibility to be aware of hazardous weather conditions and act appropriately to reduce your risk of danger.
- **ONLY call 9-1-1 if you need emergency response for fire/rescue, police, or medical situations.**

Flood Hazard Areas

Flash flooding is a common problem and can occur in areas that do not normally flood. Although most areas of flooding occur to the north of the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway and along the Cowskin Creek, additional areas of concern in Haysville include the many retention/detention ponds throughout the city.

One example of a significant flooding event is the Halloween Flood of 1998. This event caused major flooding, resulted in millions of dollars in damages, and led to a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Information on whether your property is in the 1% chance floodplain can be obtained by calling or visiting our office, located at 200 W. Grand in Haysville. Visit our office for flood maps, regulations on floodplain development, or assistance with elevation certificates for new developments. You can schedule a site visit to provide one on one advice regarding flooding and drainage issues on private property.

Property Protection Measures

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air condition systems, water heaters, and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure on raised platforms.
- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

As simple as it may sound, keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the occurrence of blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials in a public right-of-way and/or into a waterway. Violators will be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping debris, please call 316-529-5940.

Floodplain Permit Requirements

All development within the 1% floodplain (including construction, filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit and possibly a building permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any of the above work. To obtain information, permits, or to report illegal activities or possible development in the floodplain contact the Planning Department at 316-529-5900.

Flood Insurance

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damages from floods. If you are building in a floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory when financing through a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Due to our floodplain management programs, the City of Haysville is part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Currently, the City of Haysville participates in FEMA's Community Rating System, and flood insurance premiums are discounted 10%.

Most insurance policies cover structures but not contents so be sure to request this additional coverage if needed. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted to purchase flood insurance.

Protecting Natural Floodplain Functions

The floodplain is a natural element throughout the country. Proper management will ensure the floodplain operates as it should and allow for flood waters to bring nutrients that are vital to plant and wildlife ensuring a healthy environment.

Floodplains help control erosion, promote groundwater recharge, maintain water quality, encourage biological productivity and wildlife habitat, provide agricultural rich lands, and recreational opportunities for the public.

You can help protect the natural function of the floodplain by not throwing trash in it, reporting any blockage you may encounter, and not building inside the floodplain.

If you see any trash or blockage in the floodplain please contact the floodplain manager at (316) 529-5900.

Contact Us

US Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA)
www.floodsmart.gov

USGS Water Data Information
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ks/nwis/nwis>

National Weather Service, Wichita Office
www.weather.gov/ict

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For more information on this topic,
please contact:

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