

Arlington's Flood Alert Notifications

The City's System consists of 52 sirens designed to alert and notify the general population in outdoor areas of imminent or existing emergency situations. When sirens are activated, citizens should seek shelter indoors and tune to local news sources to gain further information on the emergency situation. Warning Sirens will be used for Natural Emergencies such as tornados, flash flooding or high water, straight-line winds, large hail, or severe storms. For more information on the City's warning system visit www.arlingtontx.gov/fire.

The National Weather Service receives data from Arlington's stream gauges and uses that data to issue flood watches and flood warnings through local television and radio stations. Go to the NWS Rivers and Lakes page at www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd for up to date weather and stream gauge data.

Flood Watches will be issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. Flood Warnings are issued when flooding is imminent or already happening.

During a Flood Emergency

- Take your family and yourself to a safe location, preferably higher ground.
- Do not walk or drive through flooded areas. It only takes six inches of quickly moving water to knock someone off their feet and the majority of vehicle-related deaths are caused by drivers trying to cross flooded streets.
- Keep away from high water, storm drains, ditches, ravines or concrete culverts



Flood Information Services

Arlington's Stormwater Management Division provides information on flood protection, flood depth or other flood related data, historical flooding information, local drainage issues and other site specific protection assistance to all residents and property owners. Services Provided:

- Explanation of natural floodplain functions and their protection along with special flood hazards such as uncertain flow paths
- One-on-one site visits to property owners to review flooding and drainage problems while providing information on barrier walls, soil stabilization, lot regrading and other structural solutions for specific drainage or flooding issues.
- Provide advice on retrofitting techniques; such as elevating buildings, dry-flood proofing and wet-flood proofing.
- Supplies information on hazard mitigation grants and loans through FEMA, Small business Administration, US Department of Agriculture and other state and local agencies.
- Information found on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) needed for writing a flood insurance policy including FIRM zones, panel numbers, and Base Flood Elevations as well as other non-insurance related information on FIRM's such as floodway delineations and protected areas outside Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's)
- Elevation Certificates for some properties in the SFHA are available and copies made upon request
- National Flood Insurance Program purchase requirements, coverage options and assistance with maintaining or increasing coverage

Our staff is available to meet with you and discuss your situation and strategies to reduce flood damages. Call 817-459-6550 or visit www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater

