



Prolonged Heavy Rain This Week

Flooding and River Flooding Increasingly Possible

Key Messages

- Multiple rounds of heavy rain across the state this week.
- 2-4" of rain is likely with locally higher amounts possible.
- **A Flood Watch** is in effect from Tuesday evening through Late Thursday night.
- Additional rain lingers in southern Iowa Thursday night.

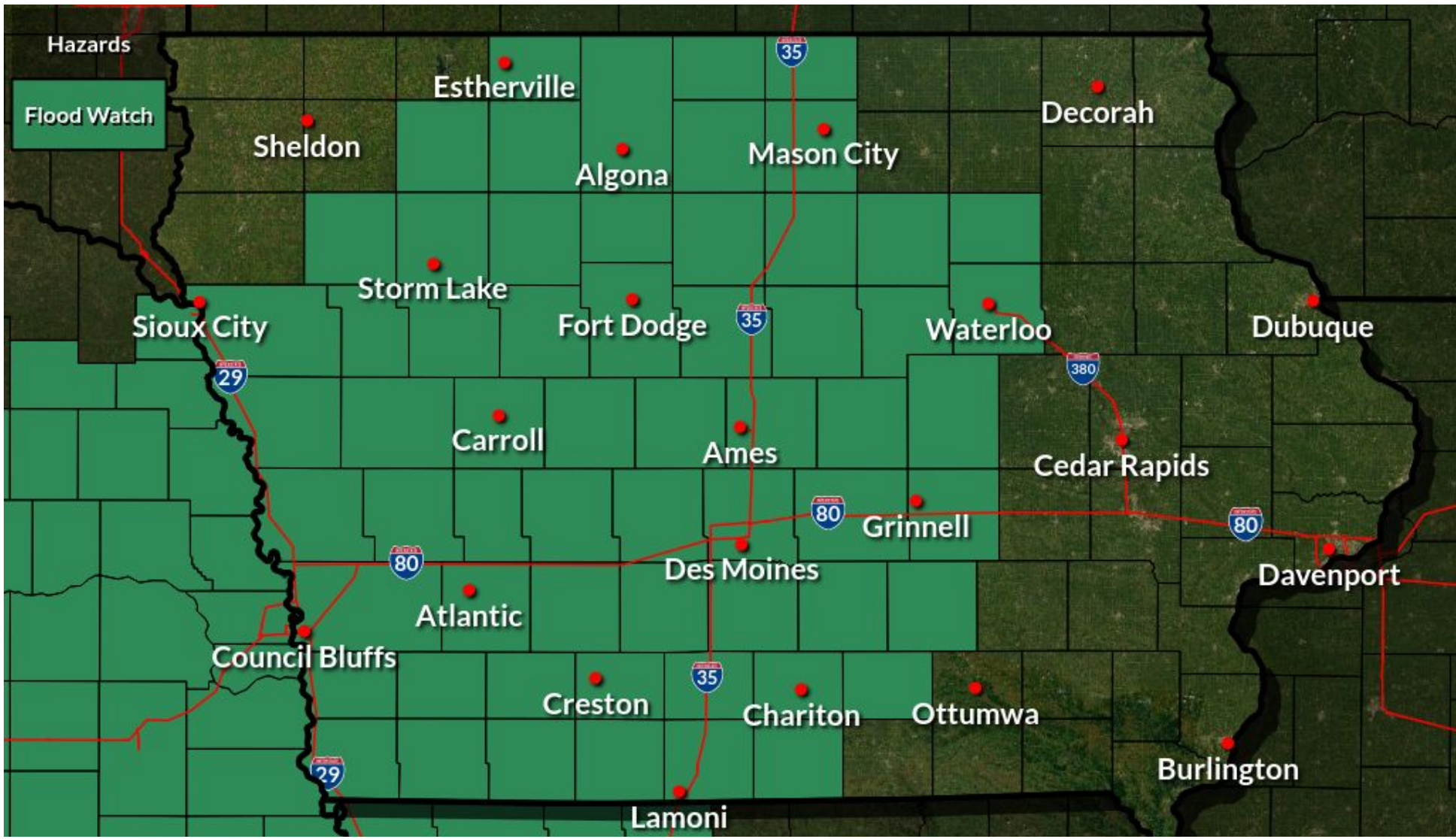
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What Has Changed

- **Flood Watch** expanded southeast
- Southern shift in rainfall amounts

Next Scheduled Update

- Tuesday by 5 PM



Flood Watch Through 1am Friday



Excessive Rain Risk

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Overview

- Heavy rain will occur in the overnight hours, the heaviest on Wednesday night.
- Some areas will receive 2 to 4" of total rainfall with locally higher amounts possible.
- Area creeks and streams are running high and could flood with more heavy rain.
- Flooding concerns increase with each round of rain.
- **Should you encounter flooding, turn around, don't drown!**

HIGHEST LOCAL RISK



WHAT THIS MEANS:
SCATTERED flash
floods *possible*

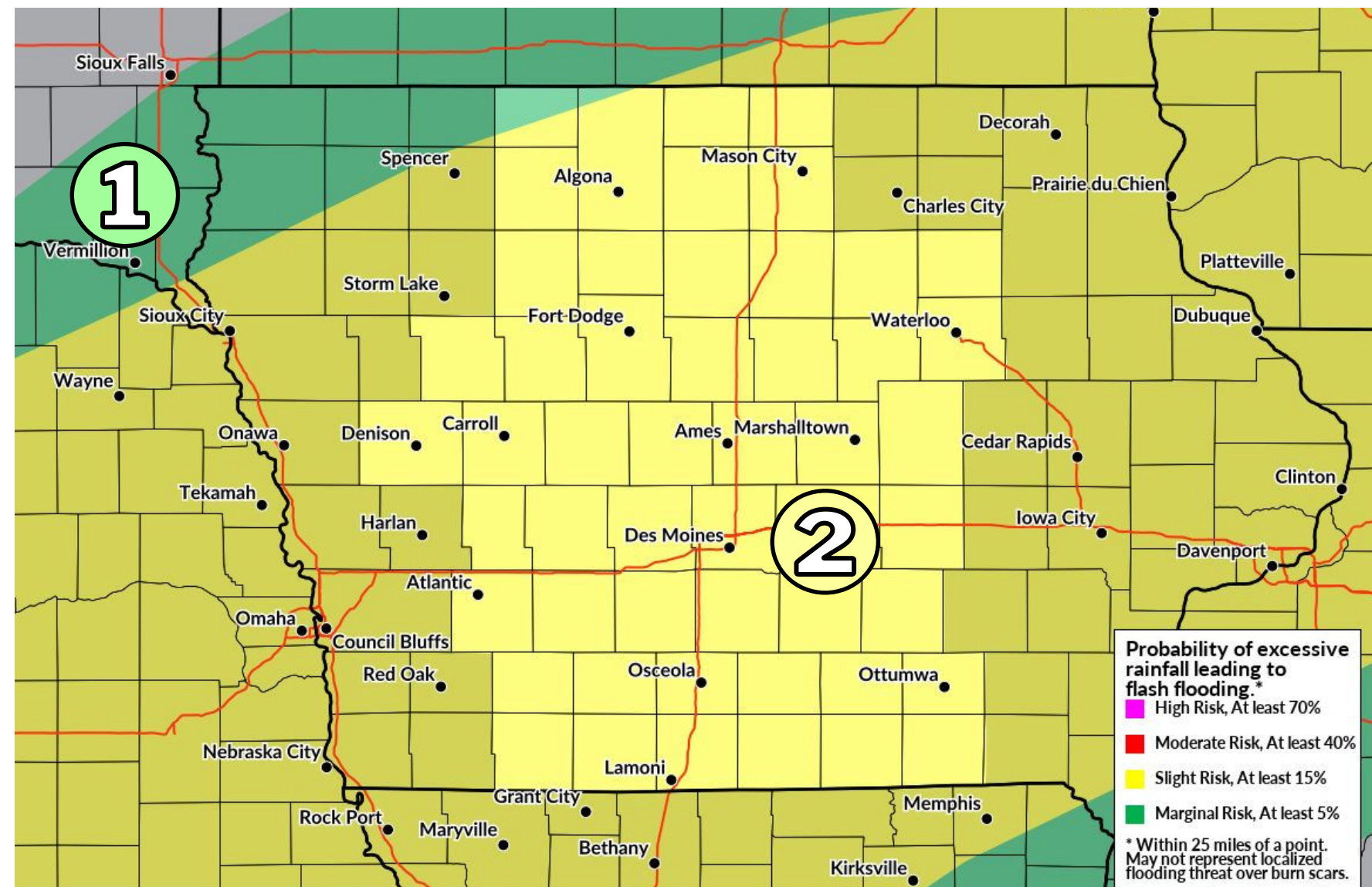
PRIMARY THREATS



RAINFALL
UP TO 5"



RIVER AND STREAM
FLOODING



Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding.*

High Risk, At least 70%

Moderate Risk, At least 40%

Slight Risk, At least 15%

Marginal Risk, At least 5%

* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

Excessive Rainfall Risk: NONE **HIGH**



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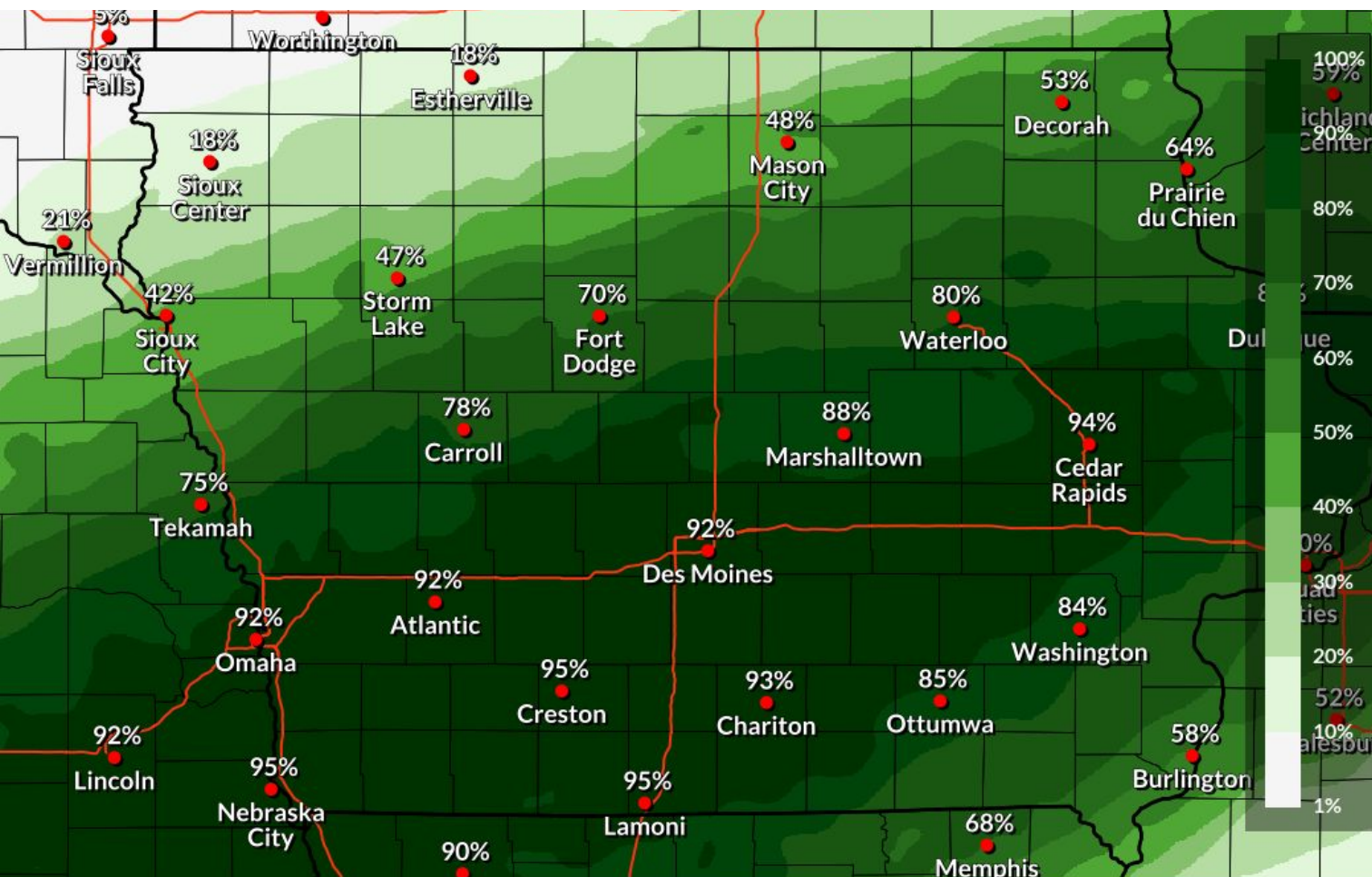
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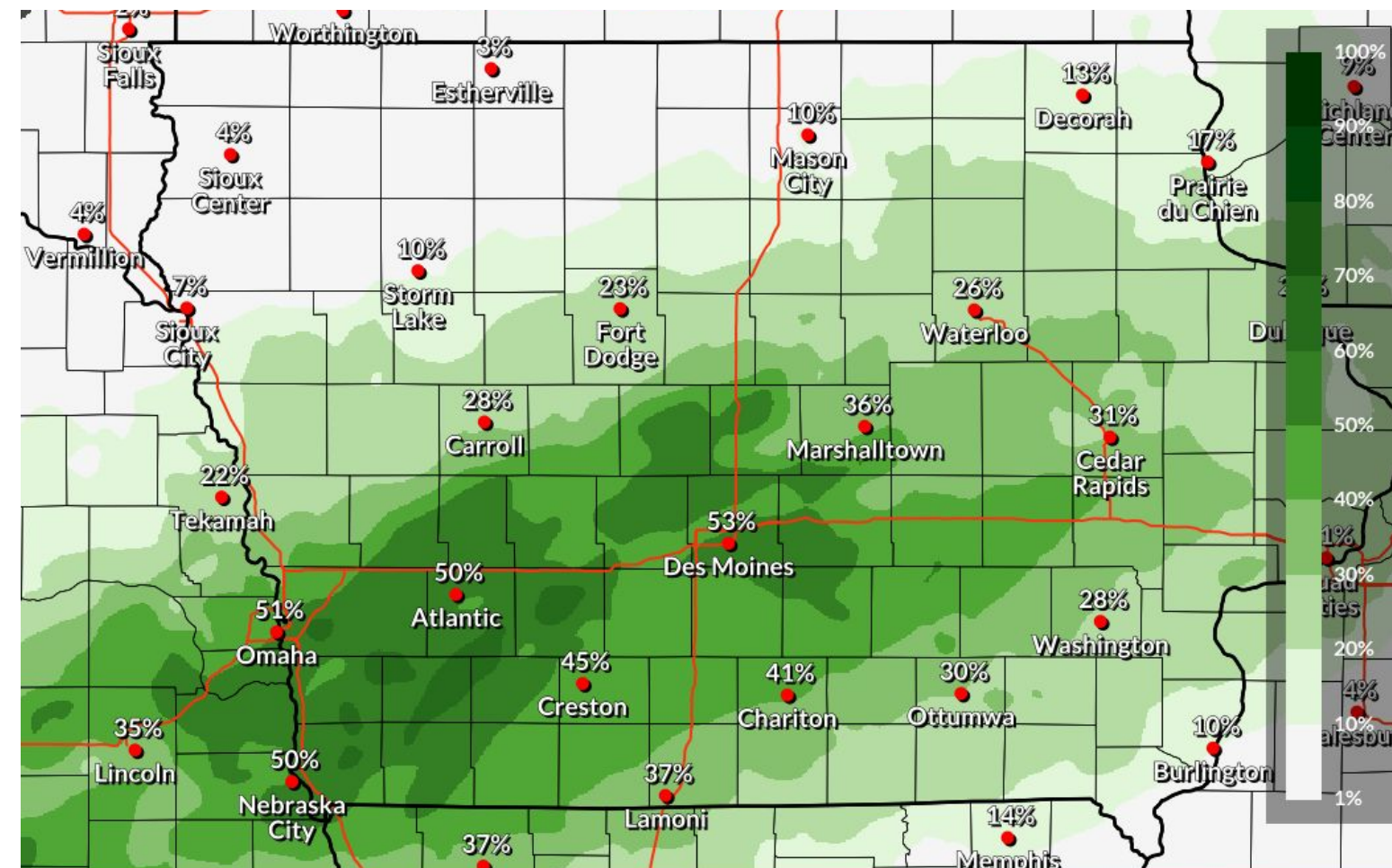
Rainfall Amount Probabilities

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Chance of at least 2"



Chance of at least 4"



These probabilities do not include additional rain expected in southern Iowa Thursday night.



Preparing for Flooding

The amount of rain forecast through Thursday could lead to flooding. Here is how you can prepare for flooding.

- Ensure downspouts and storm drains are clear of leaves and other debris.
- If you have a sump pump, make sure it is operating properly.
- If you are at a risk of flooding, have a plan.
- Check river levels at weather.gov/dmx/water



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