



What You Can Do to Prepare for High Water

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 9, 2018-While peak flows can vary, the Yampa River, which is flowing around 775 cubic feet per second this morning, generally peaks in late May to early June. Smaller tributaries, such as Butcherknife Creek, Burgess Creek and Spring Creek can peak significantly earlier in the year.

In fact, Butcherknife Creek and other low-lying areas may be entering into their peak runoff period or experiencing higher flows at this time. Therefore, residents should take precautionary measures now to prevent damages from high water and potential flooding. See the following:

- Remove outdoor furniture, firewood, landscape debris, construction materials, etc. from the vicinity of the waterway to prevent blockages of culverts and drainages.
- If within the city limits, understand if your property is within the [FEMA designated floodplain or floodway](#) or you can contact Bob Keenan, the city's floodplain manager, at 970.871.8260.
- Review the Routt County Office of Emergency Management's [High Water Preparedness Information Guide](#) for additional guidance.
- Follow weather forecasts and take precautions during heavy spring storms. Rain or snow events, like recently seen across the valley, and warm temperatures can increase the risk of high water and flash floods.
- If you live in a frequently flooded area, keep materials, such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and other materials on hand to help protect your property.



The Streets Division will supply sand and sandbags for residential properties that need them on a case by case basis. Sand bags will need to be filled and placed by the homeowner. Contact the Streets Division at 970.879.1807 during normal office hours, or dispatch at 970.879.1144 after hours to request this service. Commercial properties and residential neighborhoods with frequent needs must acquire their own sandbags. If you are experiencing a flooding emergency, call 9-1-1.

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