



## READINESS

Preparation for a flood crisis begins with the understanding that all canyons along the Front Range can flood. Know and be alert to environmental cues of dangerous climate conditions and be prepared to take action that saves lives.

- ▶ Know the streams and waterways near your home, business and places frequently visited, such as stores, parks and trails.
- ▶ Plan escape routes to high ground.
- ▶ Know signs of potential flooding conditions.
- ▶ Keep a battery-powered radio and extra batteries on hand in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Consider flood insurance for your property.

## FLOOD INSURANCE

If your property is near a waterway or culvert that occasionally floods, consider purchasing flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The federal government offers financial protections to communities that take action to help prevent flooding. In addition, private companies offer flood insurance. To obtain flood insurance, contact your insurance agent. If your insurer does not offer this protection, your agent can prepare applications to submit with your premium to the NFIP. For more details, call the Regional Floodplain Administration.

## CONSTRUCTION PLAN

All construction, land modification and alteration of a regulated stream in a designated floodplain are prohibited without a permit from the Regional Floodplain Administration. This includes but is not limited to new construction, changes to an existing structure, excavations, fill, berms and fence installations.

## RECOGNITION

### FLASH FLOOD WATCH

- ▶ Be alert and prepared to act.
- ▶ Observe water levels in culverts & streams.
- ▶ Listen to local radio, television or Weather Service radio for upgraded Flash Flood Warnings or reports of flooding.
- ▶ Locate a battery-powered radio & batteries.
- ▶ Be prepared to move to high ground.

### FLASH FLOOD SIGNALS

Don't wait for an official warning to move to higher ground or evacuate. Recognize signs of a flash flood:

- ▶ Prolonged heavy rain in your area or the mountains.
- ▶ Rising water levels.
- ▶ Increasing stream sound and water current.
- ▶ Unusual debris in the stream.
- ▶ Unprecedented street flooding.

## CONTACTS

### DRAINAGE FACILITY REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

Colorado Springs Streets Division	385-5934
El Paso County Dept. of Transportation	520-6460
Calhan City Hall	347-2586
Fountain City Hall	382-8521
Green Mountain Falls Town Hall	684-9414
Manitou Springs Streets Dept.	685-5596
Monument Public Works Dept.	481-2436
Palmer Lake City Hall	481-2953

EMERGENCY

911

## REACTION

### FLASH FLOOD WARNING

- ▶ Immediately evacuate the flood hazard area.
- ▶ Climb to safety! You may only have seconds.
- ▶ Do not walk, swim or drive cross moving channels. Currents and depths are greater than apparent.
- ▶ Drive with caution, parts of the road may be washed out. If your car stalls in water, abandon it. Shallow water can wash away a car and its occupants.
- ▶ Tune your battery-powered radio to NOAA or local weather station and follow emergency instructions.
- ▶ Be very cautious at night when it is more difficult to assess flood dangers.

## REPORT CONDITIONS

Streams and drainage ways often become blocked by debris that creates a dam. When the water breaks through the barrier, greater flooding can occur. Call local agencies to repair blocked stream channels and culverts whether or not there is flood danger. Report washed out roads and bridges.

### FLOOD RISK, CONSTRUCTION, INSURANCE

Pikes Peak Regional Building Dept.	327-2800
Floodplain Administration	327-2907
Floodplain website	www.pprbd.org
FEMA web site	www.fema.com
FEMA (toll free)	1-877-FEMAMAP
Weather information	www.weatherbug.com

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Colorado Springs Office	385-5957
El Paso County Office	575-8400