

Town of Paonia



Wednesday, April 12, 2023

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE DANGER OF FLOODING

The Paonia area may experience flooding predicted to start in one to six weeks and last through June. Please prepare your property for flooding now. Prepare an evacuation kit if you are in a flood prone area. This packet contains flood and flood preparedness information for Delta County.

Here's how you can help our Paonia Community avoid damage:

Sign up for Delta County Alerts NOW.

Paonia's Police Department will be using this system to update you.

If evacuation is necessary, this is how you will know where to go.

Go to: <https://delta.genasys.com/portal/en> to register

Purchase sandbags and sand and place them in risk locations now.

Buy sandbags at Dependable Lumber or Paonia Farm & Supply.

Maintain and monitor ditches and culverts daily for debris and remove debris immediately. If you see any evidence of floodwaters building up beyond waterways, please contact the Police Department immediately at 970-874-2015.

Let dispatch know the exact location of the flooding.

Know your neighbors. If flooding begins in your area, please make sure your neighbors are aware and assist those who may need help preparing for flooding or evacuating. Read the rest of this mailing.

From Delta County Emergency Management

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Local Agencies Planning for Anticipated Spring Flooding

Delta, CO (April 7, 2023)

After a long winter with record-breaking snowfall, local, county, and state officials are meeting to prepare to mitigate the effects of what will be a record spring runoff and local flooding. According to hydrologists with the National Weather Service, this week is the historical peak of snowfall in the surrounding mountains. The start of spring runoff with high water is anticipated by the first of May, with peaks during mid-May into June.

In partnership with local municipalities, emergency management, public works, and first responders, Delta County encourages residents who live near creeks, rivers, and significant ditches to begin preparations for anticipated spring flooding. The National Weather Service, CO Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and US Geological Service report record amounts of snow in the Delta County river basins. The Delta County Board of County Commissioners and staff are especially concerned about the record-breaking snow on the Uncompahgre Plateau, which as of April 5th, equals 46" of snow water equivalent at Columbine Pass. This amount far exceeds the previous record set in 1993, which resulted in flooding on Roubideau Creek. It exceeds 2008 and 2019, which DNR advises resulted in significant flooding along the Uncompahgre River in both Delta and Montrose Counties.

Delta County leadership met at the end of March with emergency management, first responders, the CO Department of Corrections, public works, Union Pacific Railroad, and other partners to gather information and begin crafting flood response and mitigation actions. Throughout April, local and county officials will continue planning meetings with local, state, and federal partners on how jurisdictions can mitigate anticipated spring runoff and flooding impacts.

The CO Department of Corrections and leadership at the Delta Correctional Center have stepped up to help communities by having inmate crews fill sandbags that can be staged and deployed across the county in the event of rising flood waters and to help mitigate flood risks to the State Correctional Facility near Roubideau Creek. Additionally, local and county road and bridge/public works staff are working together to assess bridges and culverts across the county, taking action now to reinforce and make needed repairs to prevent debris from building up and affecting roadways. Delta County Commissioner Don Suppes advised, "Protecting our bridges, culverts, and public roads is a top priority for Delta County this spring." In response to anticipated flooding, the county is building a plan for access to temporary bridges, working with the railroad to keep the railroad bridges and tracks clear, and preparing contingency plans if flood waters impact roads and bridges. Plans also include developing monitoring teams to perform regular inspections of critical bridges across the county and establishing a coordinated incident management response team and staff for the County Emergency Operations Center if a more significant response is needed.

How can residents prepare for spring flooding?

Local officials remind property owners to mitigate flood damages to personal property by clearing debris from rivers and streams that flow through their property and culverts they own that cross waterways. Municipalities and the County will focus on protecting roads, bridges, and infrastructure that maintain essential lifelines. The local government cannot work on private property except in extreme circumstances. Residents across Delta County are urged to take action now to mitigate flood risk:

1. Check the FEMA Flood Plain Maps available through the [Delta County GIS web page](#) to see if your property is in the floodplain. If you live in or near the 100-year (1% annual risk) floodplain, you are encouraged to take action now to protect your property.
2. Consider purchasing flood insurance. Homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage; you must buy separate flood insurance. It takes 30 days to take effect! Learn more about flood insurance and minimize your risk by visiting the [FEMA National Flood Insurance Program website](#).
3. Develop a safety plan for your family and animals. Some questions to ask include: do your kids know how to get to high ground if flooding occurs? Are there roads near your home that could flood and trap you? Do you have extra medicine, food, water, and supplies if you have to stay at home? If you must evacuate, how will you protect your pets and livestock? Learn more about emergency preparedness at [Department of Homeland Security Floods web page](#).
4. Sign up for Emergency Notifications through [Delta County Alerts](#). When natural disasters such as flooding occur, Delta County Dispatch and Emergency Management will send emergency alerts and updates on potential flooding and impacts to residents through Delta County Alerts. Remember - when signing up, include your name, home address, cell phone and landline phone numbers, and email addresses. If you don't enter your address, you may miss out on critical alerts near your home, as alerts are targeted to geographic areas of the county.
5. Harden your home and property against flood waters, especially if you live near a major river, stream, or irrigation ditch likely to flood this spring. The County and local municipalities will offer FREE sand and sandbags to residents. To learn more about sandbag availability and other flood mitigation resources, please visit the [Delta County Flooding web page](#) and follow Delta County on Facebook.
6. Lastly, sign up for public flood safety alerts. There are various ways to stay informed during a potential flood event. Subscribe to National Weather Service and USGS streamflow gauges news updates and social media alerts .

Alerta de noticias del condado de Delta

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Agencias locales que planifican inundaciones primaverales anticipadas

Delta, CO (7 de abril de 2023)

Después de un largo invierno con nevadas récord, los funcionarios locales, del condado y estatales se están reuniendo para prepararse para mitigar los efectos de lo que será una escorrentía primaveral récord e inundaciones locales. Según los hidrólogos del Servicio Meteorológico Nacional, esta semana es el pico histórico de nevadas en las montañas circundantes. El comienzo de la escorrentía primaveral con agua alta se anticipa para el primero de mayo, con picos desde mediados de mayo hasta junio.

En asociación con los municipios locales, el manejo de emergencias, las obras públicas y los socorristas, el condado de Delta alienta a los residentes que viven cerca de arroyos, ríos y zanjas importantes a comenzar los preparativos para las inundaciones anticipadas de primavera. El Servicio Meteorológico Nacional, el Departamento de Recursos Naturales (DNR) de CO y el Servicio Geológico de EE. UU. informan cantidades récord de nieve en las cuencas de los ríos del condado de Delta. La Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Delta y el personal están especialmente preocupados por la nieve récord en la meseta de Uncompahgre, que a partir del 5 de abril equivale a 46 pulgadas de agua de nieve equivalente en Columbine Pass. Esta cantidad supera con creces el récord anterior establecido en 1993, que resultó en inundaciones en Roubideau Creek. Supera a 2008 y 2019,

El liderazgo del condado de Delta se reunió a fines de marzo con la administración de emergencias, los socorristas, el Departamento Correccional de CO, obras públicas, Union Pacific Railroad y otros socios para recopilar información y comenzar a elaborar acciones de respuesta y mitigación de inundaciones. A lo largo de abril, los funcionarios locales y del condado continuarán planificando reuniones con socios locales, estatales y federales sobre cómo las jurisdicciones pueden mitigar los impactos anticipados de inundaciones y escorrentías de primavera.

El Departamento Correccional de CO y el liderazgo en el Centro Correccional Delta se han esforzado para ayudar a las comunidades al hacer que los reclusos llenen bolsas de arena que se pueden organizar y desplegar en todo el condado en caso de que aumenten las aguas de inundación y para ayudar a mitigar los riesgos de inundación para el Correccional Estatal. Instalación cerca de Roubideau Creek. Además, el personal local y del condado de carreteras y puentes/obras públicas está trabajando en conjunto para evaluar puentes y alcantarillas en todo el condado, tomando medidas ahora para reforzar y hacer las reparaciones necesarias para evitar que los escombros se acumulen y afecten las carreteras.

El comisionado del condado de Delta, Don Suppes, aconsejó: "Proteger nuestros puentes, alcantarillas y caminos públicos es una prioridad principal para el condado de Delta esta primavera". En respuesta a las inundaciones anticipadas, el condado está elaborando un plan para el acceso a los puentes temporales, trabajando con el ferrocarril para mantener los puentes y las vías del ferrocarril despejados y preparando planes de contingencia si las aguas de la inundación impactan en las carreteras y los puentes. Los planes también incluyen el desarrollo de equipos de monitoreo para realizar inspecciones periódicas de puentes críticos en todo el condado y el establecimiento de un equipo de respuesta de gestión de incidentes coordinado y personal para el Centro de Operaciones de Emergencia del Condado si se necesita una respuesta más significativa.

¿Cómo pueden prepararse los residentes para las inundaciones de primavera?

Los funcionarios locales les recuerdan a los dueños de propiedades que mitiguen los daños causados por las inundaciones a la propiedad personal limpiando los escombros de los ríos y arroyos que fluyen a través de sus propiedades y las alcantarillas de su propiedad que cruzan las vías fluviales. Los municipios y el condado se centrarán en proteger las carreteras, los puentes y la infraestructura que mantienen las líneas vitales esenciales. El gobierno local no puede trabajar en propiedad privada excepto en circunstancias extremas. Se insta a los residentes de todo el condado de Delta a tomar medidas ahora para mitigar el riesgo de inundación:

1. Consulte los mapas de llanuras aluviales de FEMA disponibles a través de la [página web GIS del condado de Delta](#) para ver si su propiedad está en la llanura aluvial. Si vive en o cerca de la llanura aluvial de 100 años (1% de riesgo anual), se le recomienda que tome medidas ahora para proteger su propiedad.
2. Considere comprar un seguro contra inundaciones. El seguro de propietario de vivienda no cubre daños por inundación; debe comprar un seguro contra inundaciones por separado. ¡Tarda 30 días en hacer efecto! Obtenga más información sobre el seguro contra inundaciones y minimice su riesgo visitando el [sitio web del Programa Nacional de Seguro contra Inundaciones de FEMA](#) .
3. Desarrolle un plan de seguridad para su familia y sus animales. Algunas preguntas para hacer incluyen: ¿saben sus hijos cómo llegar a terreno elevado si ocurre una inundación? ¿Hay caminos cerca de su casa que podrían inundarse y atraparlo? ¿Tiene medicamentos, alimentos, agua y suministros adicionales si tiene que quedarse en casa? Si debe evacuar, ¿cómo protegerá a sus mascotas y ganado? Obtenga más información sobre la preparación para emergencias en [la página web sobre inundaciones del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional](#) .
4. Regístrese para recibir notificaciones de emergencia a través de [alertas del condado de Delta](#) . Cuando ocurren desastres naturales como inundaciones, el Despacho y Manejo de Emergencias del Condado de Delta enviará alertas de emergencia y actualizaciones sobre posibles inundaciones e impactos a los residentes a través de las Alertas del Condado de Delta. Recuerde: cuando se registre, incluya su nombre, domicilio, números de teléfono fijo y celular, y direcciones de correo electrónico. Si no ingresa su dirección, es posible que se pierda alertas críticas cerca de su hogar, ya que las alertas están dirigidas a áreas geográficas del condado.
5. Refuerce su hogar y propiedad contra las inundaciones, especialmente si vive cerca de un río, arroyo o acequia importante que probablemente se inunde esta primavera. El condado y los municipios locales ofrecerán arena y sacos de arena GRATIS a los residentes. Para obtener más información sobre la disponibilidad de bolsas de arena y otros recursos de mitigación de inundaciones, visite la [página web de inundaciones del condado de Delta](#) y [siga al condado de Delta en Facebook](#) .
6. Por último, regístrese para recibir alertas públicas de seguridad contra inundaciones. Hay varias formas de mantenerse informado durante una posible inundación. Suscríbase a [las actualizaciones de noticias y alertas de redes sociales del Servicio Nacional de Meteorología y USGS](#) .

WHEN FLOOD WATERS RISE, WE RISE UP AS A COMMUNITY.



The record snowfall in the mountains this winter will soon start melting, and spring run-off will begin causing streams and rivers to swell! April and May will be the peak of the runoff.

NOW is the time to take action, prepare your property, and mitigate against spring flooding!

PREPARE FOR FLOODING BEFORE IT HAPPENS!

✓ BE INFORMED

Sign up for flood safety alerts. There are various ways to stay informed during a potential flood event. Subscribe to news updates and social media alerts from the National Weather Service, your local City and the County! Register for Delta County Alerts at DeltaCountyCO.gov/Alerts

✓ CONSIDER FLOOD INSURANCE

One inch of water can cause over \$25,000 in damages. NOW is the time to look into flood insurance - it takes 30 days to take effect. Learn more about Flood Insurance and ways to be prepared before a flood at FloodSmart.gov.

✓ MAKE A PLAN

Develop a family safety plan - do your kids know how to get to high ground if flooding occurs? Are there roads near your home that could flood and trap you? Do you have extra medicine, food, water, and supplies if you have to stay at home? If you must evacuate, how will you protect your pets and/or livestock?

✓ BUILD A KIT

Prepare a Flood Emergency Kit Gather necessary items like a first aid kit, non-perishable food to last several days, a can-opener, water, radio, extra batteries, flashlight, medications, copies of essential documents, cash, sanitizer, personal hygiene items, extra clothing and blankets, pet food, and supplies, emergency phone numbers, cell phone, and chargers. Learn more at Ready.gov/Floods.

✓ KNOW IF YOUR HOME IS IN A FLOODPLAIN

Know the status of your property! Check the Flood Hazard Map Online at DeltaCountyCO.gov/13/GIS. If you are in a floodplain, prevent debris from being swept away, and clean up your property. Especially anything potentially hazardous (i.e., Paint, oil cans, insulation, etc.) and things that could clog drainages and culverts.

For an extended map of the floodplain in Delta County and the state, please visit the Colorado Hazard Mapping and RISK Map Portal at coloradohazardmapping.com.

Learn more at:
DeltaCountyCO.gov/Flooding or
970-874-2060



SANDBAGS



Harden your property with sandbags or building berms to divert water away from structures

The County and local municipalities offer FREE sandbags and sand to residents to help prepare for potential flooding. Sand and bags are available for self-fill at the following locations.

SELF-SERVE SAND & BAG LOCATIONS:

IF YOU LIVE IN CITY LIMITS:

CITY OF DELTA

Bags and sand are located at the Public Works Facility at 1102 1/2 Bluff Street
For questions or assistance, call 970-275-4923

TOWN OF ORCHARD CITY

Town Shop at 9545 2100 Rd, Orchard City
Bags are in a blue Barrel beside the sand pile between the two cones.
For questions or assistance, call Town Hall at 970-835-3337

TOWN OF CRAWFORD

Bags are located at Town Hall and the Town Shop (425 Hwy 92)
Sand is located at District 3 County Shop next to the Fire Department
For questions or assistance, call Town Hall at 970-921-4725

TOWN OF PAONIA

Contact Town public works at 970-527-4101

TOWN OF HOTCHKISS

Town Shop at 502 Clara Vista Street
For questions or assistance, call Town Hall at 970-872-5454

TOWN OF CEDAREDEGE

Bags are located at Town Hall at 235 W. Main Street
Sand is located at Public Works at 160 SE High Country Ave. next to Cedaredge Foodtown
For questions or assistance, call 970-856-3123

IF YOU LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED DELTA COUNTY:

DELTA AREA - DISTRICT 1 - UNINCORPORATED

Road & Bridge District 1 Shop: 18830 G Road, Delta

SURFACE CREEK AREA - DISTRICT 2 - UNINCORPORATED

Road & Bridge District 2 Shop: 2544 S Grand Mesa Drive, Cedaredge

NORTH FORK VALLEY - DISTRICT 3 - UNINCORPORATED

Delta County Fairgrounds: 403 S 4th Street, Hotchkiss



IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT SANDBAGS:

- There will be free bags at each location that have to be filled.
- Bring a shovel and gloves to fill your bags.
- You are responsible for loading and hauling filled bags to your property. Know the weight limit of your vehicle and how many bags you can safely transport.
- An adequately filled sandbag is 55-60% full to be stacked properly, and full bags of approximately 30-35 pounds each. Each sandbag covers about 1.5 cubic square feet. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, 75 bags = 1 ton.
- Local municipalities/the County are NOT able to work on private property to help stack sandbags or build berms. If you are homebound, disabled, or need assistance with getting sandbags delivered to you, please call 970-874-2060.



TOWN OF CRAWFORD



SAFEGUARD CRITICAL DOCUMENTS AND VALUABLES



FEMA

When disaster strikes, your immediate concern will be your safety and the safety of those you care about. Once the immediate danger passes, however, having your financial and medical records and important contact information will be crucial to help you start the recovery process quickly. Taking time now to safeguard these critical documents will give you peace of mind, ensure you have access to essential medical and prescription information, and help you avoid additional stress during the difficult days following a disaster.

In addition, take the time now to think about the priceless personal items you would want to protect from damage or take with you if you had to suddenly evacuate your home.

The first step is to take an inventory of your household documents, contacts, and valuables. The checklist below will get you started. Then download the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) at www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness for more complete checklists and guidance on collecting and safeguarding this important information.

Put a checkmark next to any item that you may need to collect and safeguard. Be sure to include emergency contact phone numbers or other contact information with your documentation for questions that may arise following a disaster.

HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFICATION

Think about the documents you would need to identify yourself and your household members, including children and pets, your relationships, or status. These may include:

- Vital records (birth, marriage, divorce certificate, adoption, child custody papers)
- Passport, driver's license, Social Security card, green card, military service identification, other
- Pet ownership papers, identification tags

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

If your home or income is impacted by a disaster, you will need documentation to request assistance from insurance providers and from government disaster assistance programs.

- Housing: lease or rental agreement, mortgage, home equity line of credit, deed
 - Vehicle: loan documents, VIN, registration, title
 - Other Financial Obligations: utility bills, credit cards, student loans, alimony, child support, elder care, automatic payments such as gym memberships
 - Financial Accounts: checking, savings, debit cards, retirement, investment
 - Insurance Policies: homeowners, renters, auto, life, flood, appraisals, photos, and lists of valuable items
 - Sources of Income: pay stubs, government benefits, alimony, child support
 - Tax Statements: Federal/state income tax returns, property tax, vehicle tax
 - Estate Planning: will, trust, power of attorney
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MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Health/dental insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, VA health benefits
 - List of medications, immunizations, allergies, prescriptions, medical equipment and devices, pharmacy information
 - Living will, medical power of attorney
 - Caregiver agency contract or service agreement
 - Disabilities documentation
 - Contact information for doctors/specialists, dentists, pediatricians, veterinarians
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EMERGENCY OR HOTLINE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR HOUSEHOLD

- Employers/supervisors
 - Schools
 - Houses of worship
 - Social service providers
 - Homeowners Associations
 - Home Repair Services: utilities, plumber, roofer, carpenter, electrician
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VALUABLES AND PRICELESS PERSONAL ITEMS

- Priceless personal mementos, family photos, and keepsakes
- Possessions with monetary value, including jewelry, art, and collectibles

PROTECT YOUR DOCUMENTS AND VALUABLES

Once you have gathered your financial, legal, and contact information, it is essential to safeguard this information.

- Consider storing *paper copies* of important documents at home in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe, in a bank safe deposit box, or with a trusted friend or relative. If you are using a safe deposit box, you may want to ask your bank or check state laws to confirm who can and cannot access the safe deposit box if the lessee dies or is incapacitated.
- Store *electronic copies* of important documents in a password-protected format on a removable flash or external hard drive in your fireproof and waterproof box or safe, or consider using a secure cloud-based service. Visit www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/st04-019 to learn how to use electronic encryption to protect sensitive information.
- Think about where you store valuable belongings and ways to better protect these items. If you have valuable items stored in a basement, you may want to move them to a higher location and put them in waterproof containers to avoid water damage. Or you may want to keep small items in a flood/fireproof home safe. You may also want to secure items that are displayed on shelves or walls if your home may be subject to high winds or earthquakes.

Thank you for doing your part to prepare! Spread the word and encourage others to join the movement at www.ready.gov/prepare.



12 WAYS TO PREPARE

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	Sign up for Alerts and Warnings		Make a Plan		Save for a Rainy Day		Practice Emergency Drills		Test Family Communication Plan		Safeguard Documents
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	Plan with Neighbors		Make Your Home Safer		Know Evacuation Routes		Assemble or Update Supplies		Get Involved in Your Community		Document and Insure Property