

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

Flooding and Swift-Water Safety Tips

The North Fork of the Gunnison, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre Rivers are all running extremely high and fast this year. Sheriff Taylor and local fire chiefs encourage residents to avoid recreational activities on or near the rivers this spring due to soft banks, fast-moving water, high water levels, and large amounts of debris in the rivers and streams.

If you witness someone fall out of a kayak, raft, or other watercraft into the river or someone on the bank fall into a river or stream, call 9-1-1 immediately. Please do not attempt to jump in and rescue them!

Local fire departments are trained in swift-water rescues and have specialized equipment to help rescue people from the river. If you fall into the river, swim to the nearest shore, and if assistance is needed, call 9-1-1. When calling emergency dispatch, be prepared to give a detailed location of where the person(s) went into the river or where you are and any landmarks or features that can help dispatch direct emergency responders to the scene.

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.

✓ 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, 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



Information: DeltaCountyCO.gov/Flooding or the Flooding Hotline at 970-874-2060



SANDBAGS

✓ LIVE NEAR A FLOOD PLAIN OR CREEK/RIVER LIKELY TO FLOOD? HARDEN YOUR HOME!

Delta County and the following municipalities have limited free sandbags and sand available to residents to help prepare for potential flooding. Please only take what you need!

SELF-SERVE SAND & BAG LOCATIONS:

Municipalities: The following municipalities have made sandbags available only for residents within city limits.

City of Delta

- Sand and sandbags are available at [1102 1/2 Bluff Street - Delta](#)
- To request sandbags, please call 970-275-4923. Staff is available 7 days a week to get you bags. Sand is available 24/7.

Town of Cedaredge

- Bags are located at Town Hall at [235 W Main Street - Cedaredge](#). Questions - call 970-856-3123. Limited # of bags per in-town resident.
- Sand is available at Public Works at 160 SE High Country Avenue next to Cedaredge Foodtown.

Town of Orchard City

- Sand and sandbags are available at the Town Shop, [9545 2100 Road - Orchard City](#)
- Bags are in a blue barrel beside the sand pile between the cones. For questions/assistance, call Town Hall at 970-835-3337.

Town of Crawford

- Bags are available at Crawford Town Hall and Town Shop, [425 Hwy 92 - Crawford](#). For assistance, call 970-921-4725.
- These sandbags can be filled with sand at the District 3 Road & Bridge shop sand pile next to the Fire Department.

Town of Hotchkiss

- Bags and sand available at the Town Shop, [502 Clara Vista Street - Barrow Mesa](#)
- To request bags call Town Hall at 970-872-5452 or 970-872-3663, and staff will meet you at the Public Works Shop to get you bags. Bags are only available to Town of Hotchkiss Residents and are only available Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Unincorporated Delta County: For residents outside city limits, Call: 970-874-2101. Limit of 100 Bags/household

District 1 - Delta Area

- Road & Bridge Shop at [18830 G Road, Delta](#)

District 2 - Surface Creek

- Road & Bridge Shop at [2544 S Grand Mesa Drive, Cedaredge](#)

District 3 - North Fork

- Delta County Fairgrounds at [403 S 4th Street, Hotchkiss](#)
- Bags and sand are out back by the dugouts. A limited quantity of bags is left out at one time. If no bags are out, please call Jeff Williams, Delta County Fairgrounds Maintenance, at 970-644-1423 (available Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm).

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

- Please be respectful of jurisdictional bag limits and requirements. Some jurisdictions require you to call to get the bags during business hours or to write down how many bags you took, etc., to ensure bags are being distributed equally.
- These sandbags are intended to help protect residences and are available in small quantities. If you need several hundred bags for a retaining wall, we encourage residents to order bags from local retailers or online distributors who can ship the bags directly to your home. You can then purchase a load of sand from a local gravel company which can be delivered to your home to avoid hauling filled bags.
- All locations are self-fill for sandbags. County and municipal staff are not available to fill sandbags for residents.

