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## Flood awareness and available resources

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Serious flooding occurs regularly in northern Nevada and there are steps individuals can take to mitigate the risk to life, property, water quality, and the environment. With expected heavy rains in the forecast, the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Division of Water Resources is encouraging residents to visit nevadafloods.org to find out what to do before, during and after a flood.

## Basic Safety Tips include:

- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Do not drive over bridges that are over fast-moving floodwaters. Floodwaters can damage foundations, making the bridge unstable.
- Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Prepare an evacuation plan for family, pets and livestock.

Bunny Bishop, Nevada's Floodplain Manager, says, "Knowing what to do before, during and after a flood can save lives, protect pets and help minimize property damage."

For more information, please visit, nevadafloods.org.