

ROSS VALLEY

FLOOD PROTECTION and WATERSHED PROGRAM

Protecting Yourself and Your Property Against Flooding

As residents of Ross Valley, we live in one of the most beautiful and unique regions of the San Francisco Bay Area. However, the mountainous geography that makes our area so beautiful also makes us susceptible to flooding – especially flash floods (flooding caused by very heavy rainfall within a short period of time). The County of Marin has partnered with towns and cities in Ross Valley to develop comprehensive watershed solutions that will help you protect yourselves, your property and your loved ones. The County has taken major steps toward achieving comprehensive flood protection and damage reduction, while preserving the natural creek network and aquatic habitat – but ultimately, the responsibility to prepare for and protect against flooding lies with each resident.

To help you prepare for the rainy season, the County of Marin, and the municipalities of Fairfax, Larkspur, Ross, and San Anselmo, have partnered to provide you with this helpful Flood-Safe Tip Sheet. Inside you'll find tips and information on how to prepare for flooding during the rainy season, as well as a list of important contact information to help you educate yourself about flooding in your area.

For more information about what's being done to prevent flooding in your area, or to learn more about protecting your home and preparing for the rainy season, visit us on the web at www.rossvalleywatershed.org.



Smart Tips Before a Flood

Flood and Watershed Management Contacts

For emergencies, dial 911.

For non-emergency, flood-related information:

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
(415) 499-6528

For more information about creek care and creek banks:

Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
(415) 499-6528
www.mcstoppp.org

For drainage concerns in your area:

Town of Fairfax –
Department of Public Works
(415) 453-0291
www.town-of-fairfax.org

City of Larkspur –
Department of Public Works
(415) 927-5017
www.ci.larkspur.ca.us

Town of Ross –
Department of Public Works
(415) 453-1453
www.townofross.org

Town of San Anselmo –
Department of Public Works
(415) 258-4616
www.townofsananselmo.org

Learn more about flood prevention and response at www.rossvalleywatershed.org

Check your town's website for more detailed, localized, flood-related information.

Useful websites:

Real time stream and rain data for Ross Valley: <http://marin.onerain.com>

Forecasts and satellite weather info:
www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr

NOAA/NWS Weather Radio information:
www.weather.gov/nwr/

National Weather Radio setup information:

SAME Codes (Specific Area Message Encoding)

Marin County: 006041
San Francisco: 006097

Radio frequencies in our Area:
Monterey: 162.550
San Francisco: 162.400



For Your Family

- Find out if you live in a flood prone area
- Prepare a family disaster plan – know how to respond and whom to call in an emergency
- Keep a hand-cranked or battery-operated radio or TV with fresh batteries on hand
- Know where your emergency supplies, first aid kit and flashlights are kept
- Be safe – do not walk or bike near rising creeks and flood water!
- Make sure nearby storm drains are kept clear of leaves and debris – contact your Department of Public Works for heavier work
- Consider purchasing an affordable emergency radio-alarm to receive immediate flood and disaster information (like the Midland WR series radios)
- Don't interfere with emergency work crews during floods
- Know how to obtain and place sandbags to protect your home

For Your Business

- Determine the risk of flooding in your area
- Know which local radio and TV stations broadcast emergency information
- Update emergency contact information for all employees
- Know where to safely move and store critical equipment like computers, machines, etc.
- Know where to get sandbags and how to protect your business
- Prepare and practice an emergency evacuation plan with your employees