

Now is the time to prepare for post-fire flooding...

The 2012 Central Washington wildfire have significantly changed the landscape, presenting an increased risk of flooding and mudflows. Change in vegetation, combined with steep slopes and intense rainfall, increase the risk of flooding within the burned areas. Lands downstream of the wildfires are also subject to increased flooding.

Until the burned areas begin to recover, little can stop the waters and mud from coming down. While multi-agency efforts are being taken to reduce the risks to life and property downstream of the fires, residents in the area should develop individual plans to protect themselves and their property.



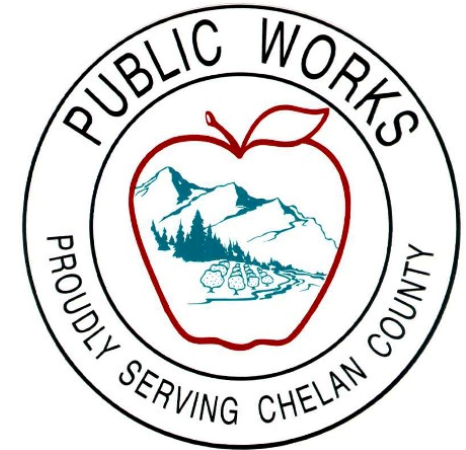
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Your Guide to Flood Preparation

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Know what to expect...

- Know your community flood risk
- Be alert to the possibility of flooding if it rains upstream
- Stay aware through local radio or TV for public bulletins
- Monitor weather radio for real-time conditions



Reduce potential flood damage...

- Raise your furnace, water heater & electrical panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded
- Clean your property's culverts & storm drains of dirt & flood debris
- Dispose of refuse only in designated sites

Prepare a family disaster plan...

- Keep insurance policies, documents & other valuables in a safe place
- Take photos of your belongings in case you need to file insurance claims
- Create a plan if you need to evacuate & make sure each member of your family understands the plan

Be prepared for a flash flood...

- Evacuations may be necessary; you may only have seconds to escape
- Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks & storm drains
- Do not drive or walk through flooded waters
- Stay away from downed power lines & electrical wires
- Watch out for lost pets & displaced wild animals



What else can I do?

- Secure any loose items around your property such as yard furniture, pool covers, tarps, agricultural tools & equipment
- If you have a drainway on your property, inspect it regularly. Inspections should also occur after a rainfall to determine if any changes have occurred that require maintenance to the ditch or pipe
- Maintain the integrity of the drainway on your property by not placing fill, such as rock, dirt, yard waste or concrete in it, not allowing livestock to enter, removing any fences, sheds or other structures, not allowing noxious weeds to grow & removing any garbage or debris

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