

Spring Flooding Hazards – Safety Tips for You and Your Family

The threat of potential spring flooding brings with it many potential hazards. Please take all necessary precautions, including:

Stay off water and ice

At this time of year the ice covering Manitoba's lakes, rivers, ditches, culverts and large drains is melting or has melted. Stay off all waterways and never attempt to enter the water. Currents at this time of year are extremely strong and can easily pull you in and carry you away. If you live near water you should be especially careful to prevent children and pets from wandering onto the ice or into water. For the latest up-to-date flood information, visit <http://www.gov.mb.ca/flooding/> or follow the Twitter account www.twitter.com/MBGov.

Check road conditions

Overland or flash flooding can happen very quickly and create unpredictable conditions along roads, especially those near ditches and creeks. Always stay off closed roads. If you do come near to flooded roads or fast-moving water, do not attempt to drive or walk through the current. Stay in your car and call for help.

If you are travelling in parts of Manitoba that have experienced overland or flash flooding in the past, be sure to check road conditions before you leave your home. For the most recent information on road conditions or highway safety, visit www.manitoba511.ca, call 511 or follow the Twitter account for road closures at www.twitter.com/MBGovRoads. A Manitoba 511 app is now available for download from the Manitoba resident portal at: <http://residents.gov.mb.ca/apps/511.html>.

To register for email notifications about provincial road closings and openings, send your email address to roadinfo@gov.mb.ca. Emails include information about emergency closings as well as closings for construction and maintenance.

Stay safe!