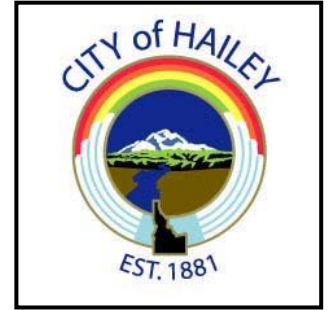


# Know the City of Hailey's Flood Policies and Practices BEFORE A FLOOD



The City of Hailey's priorities during an emergency such as flood, avalanche, fire or earthquake are in three main areas:

1. Life safety – protecting responders and residents.
2. Incident information – providing information to affected people.
3. Property conservation – protecting city infrastructure and property.

## Preparation BEFORE A FLOOD (When Flooding is Forecast)



- The City of Hailey uses the Code Red Alert system through Blaine County Dispatch to distribute property-specific information to you by phone call, email, or text. Sign up now by clicking on this pictured tab on the City of Hailey website.
- The City of Hailey website provides links to National Weather Service at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org). Monitor National Weather Service information.
- The City of Hailey's website provides a link to river height information at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org).
- The City of Hailey's critical information pieces are posted at the Hailey Public Library during incidents.
- The City of Hailey considers flooding to have begun when surface water moves through a neighborhood. Water standing upon a property is not considered flooding. Homeowners should use the time before a flood to prepare their property with sandbags or other materials through private purchase. A local resource list of sandbag supplies and other property protection supplies can be found on the City of Hailey website [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org).
- The City of Hailey will provide sand bag stations near an area in which flooding has begun. These are intended to be for emergency use when the private property protection already completed is not sufficient. We do NOT recommend waiting for City sandbags to begin protecting your structures.
  - Sandbag stations for Woodside, Foxmoor and Deerfield in East Hailey areas will be at the south side of the Blaine County Community Campus parking lot.
  - Sandbag stations for Della View will be on War Eagle Drive near Silver Star.
  - Sandbag stations for Sherwood Forest will be on Robinhood Drive near Silver Star.
  - Sandbag stations for China Gardens and Elmwood will be on Walnut Street, near Aspen Drive.
- Plan for pumping water from your crawlspace or driveway, but do NOT pump water onto property other than your own, neither your neighbor's property nor the street.
- Do NOT pump water into the City's sewer system through any drain or manhole. Pumping water into the sewer system can harm the entire City through a sewer system failure.
- Call Idaho Power and/or Intermountain Gas for help with protecting electric and gas utility sources within your homes, basements or crawlspaces.
- The City of Hailey will close roads, allowing local traffic only, when water is along the roadway.
- The City of Hailey will close roads completely when water is over one lane of the roadway.
- The City of Hailey will evacuate homes when emergency services become unreliable to an area.



## **BEFORE A FLOOD (Continued)**

### **Be alert.**

- Monitor your surroundings.
- Monitor National Weather Service information through radio, television, or online. The City of Hailey website provides a link to the National Weather Service at [www.haileycityhall.org](http://www.haileycityhall.org).
- Get out of low areas subject to flooding.
- If driving, do not drive through flooded roadways!
- The City of Hailey will close roads, allowing local traffic only, when water is along the roadway.
- The City of Hailey will close roads completely when water is over one lane of the roadway.
- The City of Hailey will evacuate homes when it can no longer respond with emergency services to an area.
- Be aware of trees, which can easily fall due to subsurface saturation within the ground.

### **Be prepared to evacuate.**

- Identify places to go.
- The City of Hailey Park & Ride lot on River Street at Bullion is available to park your car overnight, but not for camping.
- Identify alternative travel routes that are not prone to flooding.
- Plan what to do with your pets.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- If told to leave, do so quickly.

### **Assemble disaster supplies:**

- Drinking water – Fill clean containers. Cash
- Food that requires no refrigeration or cooking. Medications and first aid supplies.
- Clothing, toiletries. Battery-powered radio.
- Flashlights. Extra batteries.
- Important documents: insurance papers, medical records, bank account numbers.

### **Review your Family Disaster Plan.**

- Discuss flood plans with your family.
- Decide where you will meet if separated.
- Designate a contact person who can be reached if family members get separated. Make sure every family member has the contact information.

### **Protect your property.**

- Consider buying flood insurance. Flood insurance must be in effect 30 days prior to any flood event before damage will be covered.
- Move valuables and furniture to higher levels.
- Move hazardous materials (such as paint, oil, pesticides, and cleaning supplies) to higher locations.
- Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch them if you are wet or standing in water.
- Bring outside possessions indoors or tie them down securely. This includes lawn furniture, garbage cans, and other movable objects.
- Seal vents to basements to prevent flooding.
- If sandbags or bladders are used, they must be placed within three feet of a structure. Property owners may NOT displace floodwaters onto another property, neither their neighbor nor the street nor sewer drains.
- Call Idaho Power and/or Intermountain Gas for help with protecting electric and gas utility sources within your homes, basements or crawlspaces.