

Newsletter

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Sandusky County
Emergency Management Agency/911

Ice Jams & Seasonal Floods



Happy February everyone. Its that time of year again , be aware .**Ice Jams, what are they?** Pieces of floating ice carried with a stream's current can accumulate at any obstruction to the stream flow. These ice jams can develop near river bends, mouths of tributaries, points where the river slope decreases, downstream of dams and upstream of bridges or obstructions. The water that is held back may cause flooding or flash flooding upstream. If the obstruction suddenly breaks then flash flooding may occur downstream.

Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States, however not all floods are alike. Some floods develop slowly, while others such as flash floods, can develop in just a few minutes and without visible signs of rain. Additionally, floods can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community, or very large, affecting entire river basins and multiple states.

Be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live or work, but especially if you are in low-lying areas, near water, behind a levee or downstream from a dam. Even very small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds or low-lying ground that appear harmless in dry weather can flood

Preparations:

Build and make a family emergency plan.

Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.

Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.

Consider installing "check valves" to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains



For more information on preparedness visit Ready.gov

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Upcoming Events:

February 14th Valentines Day

February 18th Presidents day

February 23rd Firehouse Challenge

February 27th Fire Association Bettsville @ 7:30