

Members of the public can sign up to the Environment Agency's Flood Warning Service so they can be informed of the latest information for their area that could affect their property. Call 0345 988 1188 to do this, or do it online www.gov.uk/flood.

In addition to a period of prolonged wet weather over October, Lincolnshire has received the entire November average rainfall in just 2 weeks. This has resulted in heavily saturated catchments, elevated river levels and in some places elevated ground water levels. In a number of cases, record river levels have been documented. The Environment Agency are expecting more rain over the winter period so the risk of flooding remains high.

The Environment Agency will continue to operate the flood storage reservoirs around Lincolnshire where necessary and are discharging main rivers out to sea to bring down river levels. Their flood storage reservoirs have already protected over 8000 properties from flooding.

The Environment Agency are working with their partners, such as the Internal Drainage Boards and NFU, to manage the impact to agricultural land and livestock farms. Their teams are also on the ground assessing urgent repairs to damaged or over-topping defences across the county as well as understanding the longer term options for recovery from the flooding.

Check your flood risk, stay up to date with the latest flood alerts and warnings and sign up to receive free flood warnings by calling 0345 988 1188 or visiting www.gov.uk/flood. Stay tuned to local news for updates and follow us on Twitter: @EnvAgencyMids

The Environment Agency ask that people avoid walking along flood banks, using low lying footpaths near local watercourses and plan driving routes to avoid low lying roads near rivers, which may be flooded. Don't drive through flood water, just 30cm is enough to move your car and risk your safety.

Flood water can contain sewage and other harmful substances. Where possible avoid contact with, and keep pets away from, flood water. Always wear waterproof clothing, gloves, wellington boots and a face mask if contact is unavoidable.


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