

## Farmington Residents:

Following a meeting held at the Davis County Sheriff's office with the State Geologist and Weather Service personnel we would like to issue the following information.

Farmington and Davis County are susceptible to landslides and debris flow because of the terrain in the Mountains east of the city. That combined with a snowpack that is about 138% of normal means that we could experience serious mud flows as we did in 1983.

We are better prepared now than we were in 1983 with debris basins and clean stream beds in the community. We believe we are as prepared as possible for any event that might occur.

As a precaution and for your information we would like to advise that for the next 6 weeks be vigilant, if you live in an area that has flooded in the past or has experienced problems.

1. Please feel free to get sandbags and other protection for your property.
2. Talk with your family on preparedness and be ready to leave if problems arise.
3. Davis County Emergency Radio station is 1700AM and you can turn to that station for information during any event that might occur.
4. Have your 72 hour kit up to date and ready to take in an emergency.
5. As a precaution you might consider moving sleeping areas in your house from the basement areas to the upstairs for the next few weeks.
6. Help your neighbors and make sure they are also prepared.

The following is information that was taken from the Federal Emergency Management website. [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) . There is a lot of information at that site and would help you prepare for any emergency.

## What you should do if a landslide or debris flow occurs:

- **Stay alert and awake.** Many debris-flow fatalities occur when people are sleeping. Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or portable, battery-powered radio or television for warnings of intense rainfall. Be aware that intense, short bursts of rain may be particularly dangerous, especially after longer periods of heavy rainfall and damp weather.
- **If you are in areas susceptible to landslides and debris flows, consider leaving if it is safe to do so.** Remember that driving during an intense storm can be hazardous. If you remain at home, move to a second story if possible. Staying out of the path of a landslide or debris flow saves lives.
- **Listen for any unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together.** A trickle of flowing or falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. Moving debris can flow quickly and sometimes without warning.
- **If you are near a stream or channel, be alert for any sudden increase or decrease in water flow and for a change from clear to muddy water.** Such changes may indicate

landslide activity upstream, so be prepared to move quickly. Don't delay! Save yourself, not your belongings.

- **Be especially alert when driving.** Embankments along roadsides are particularly susceptible to landslides. Watch the road for collapsed pavement, mud, fallen rocks, and other indications of possible debris flows.

If you have any questions please contact Farmington City or Paul White Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for other information.

Thanks

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