



# FLOOD PREPARATION

**CITY OF  
OCONTO**





**DANGEROUS CONDITIONS!**





# ***HOW TO PREPARE FOR A FLOOD***

**BE SMART, TAKE PART,  
PREPARE!**








# **Flooding in the Oconto area can occur in several ways, including the following.**

- River & lakes cannot contain excessive rain or snowmelt.
- Excessive rain or snowmelt cannot be fully absorbed into the ground.
- Waterways are blocked with debris or ice and overflow.
- Strong north east winds can cause shoreline flooding and storm sewer backups.

## **Impact:**

- Flooding can cause fatalities and serious injuries for people who are trapped or swept away by wading in, driving through, or boating across floodwaters.
  - Transportation routes, power, water, gas and other services may be disrupted.
  - Severe erosion can take place, causing damage to roads, bridge structures and buildings with weak foundations.
  - Severe damage to homes.
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# **YOUR GOAL FOR PROTECTION**

## **Personal Protection: EVACUATE**

- To avoid being trapped, the best action to protect yourself and your family is to evacuate before flooding starts. Know and follow directions from local officials for community evacuation or seek higher ground for localized flooding. Don't wait and become trapped by flood waters or flash flooding.
- Have a secondary place to go if you evacuate.
- **USE THE FIVE P'S OF EVACUATION:**
  1. People and if safely pets.
  2. Prescriptions, with dosages, medicines, medical equipment, batteries or power cords, eyeglasses and hearing aids.
  3. Papers, including important documents (hard copies and/or electronic copies saved on external hard drives or portable thumb drives)
  4. Personal needs, such as clothes, food, water, first aid kit, cash, cell phones and chargers and items needed for people with disabilities or functional needs.
  5. Priceless Items, including pictures, irreplaceable mementos, computer or laptop and other valuable items



## **Property Protection: ELEVATE, WATERPROOF, AND CLEAR DEBRIS**

- Reduce the risk of damage to structures from flooding.
- Waterproofing basements if needed.
- Keep valuables off the basement floors, put in sealed containers, move to higher shelving or higher story in the house.
- Make sure sump pump is working properly, have a back-up or a battery- operated back-up in case of a power failure.
- Larger pump on stand-by if needed.
- Floor drain plug or cap.
- Sandbags on hand to put around doors or windows.
- Another area to park vehicle(s).
- You may have to turn off gas, water, and electricity if you know how and can do it safely. Obviously do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or you are standing in water.
- Secondary shelter.






## **Risk Management: FLOOD INSURANCE**

- Purchasing flood insurance provides financial protection due to flood damage.
- Check with an agent to make sure you get the coverage you need and when it takes effect.
- National Flood Insurance Program (30 days to take effect)
- Document and take lots of pictures.


## **Communicate: DISCUSS**

- Discuss what you have done to prepare with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Share information about alerts and warnings, and share tips for protecting property
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## **If floodwater is present:**

- If you see flood water on roads, walkways and on the ground, do not attempt to cross. The depth of the water is not always obvious, and the roadbed may be washed out under the water. Moving water has tremendous power. Six inches of moving water has the potential to knock you off your feet, and a foot of water can sweep a vehicle off the road. Floodwaters can contain large ice, rocks, mud, other debris, and even sewage. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
  - If you become trapped, call 911 if possible and give your location and explain your situation. If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay in the vehicle. If the water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.
  - Anyone caught driving through flooded areas that have been closed off will receive citations.
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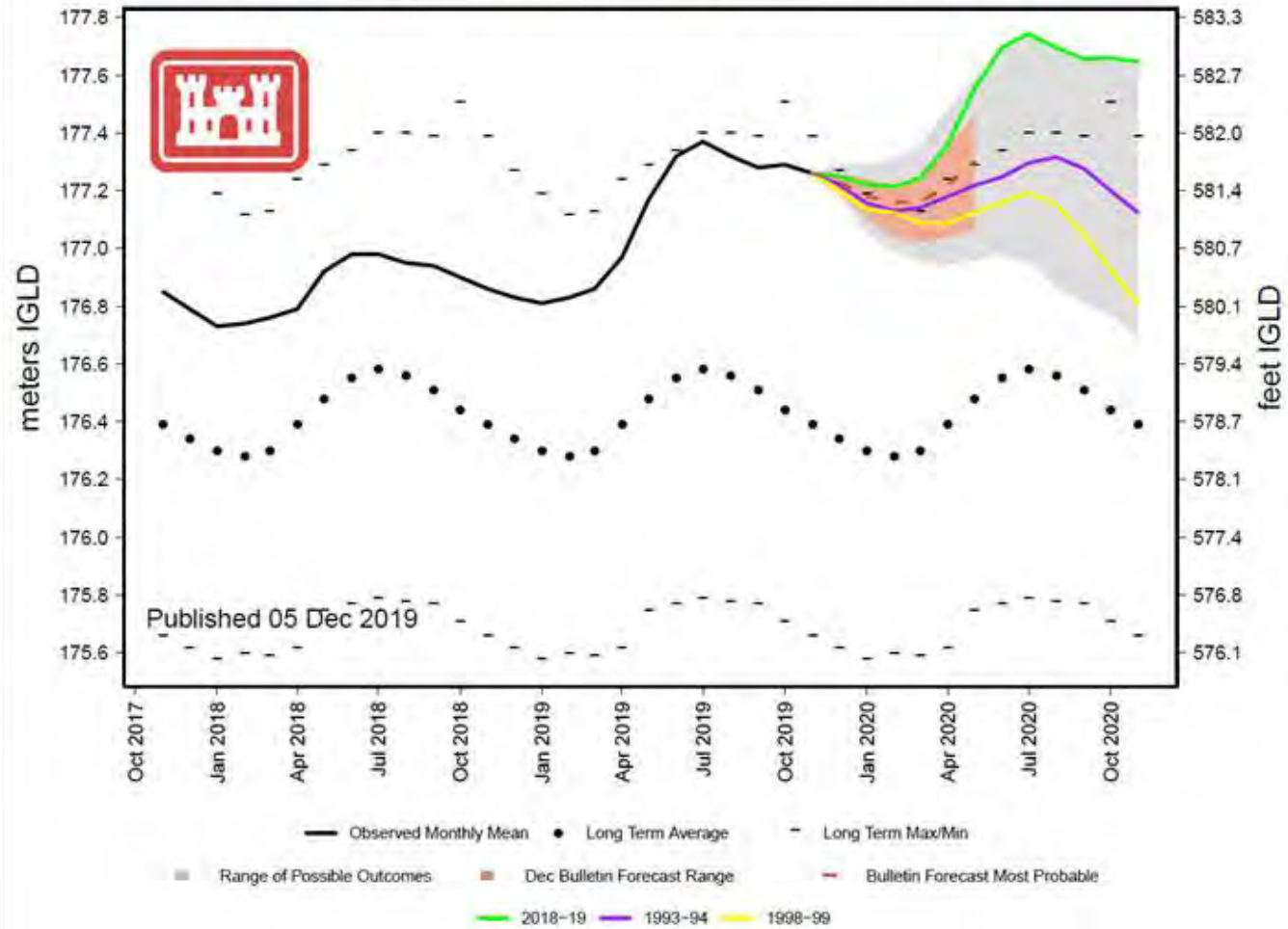


# SANDBAG INFORMATION

- AVAILABLE THROUGH OCONTO COUNTY AT A COST PER SANDBAG ALREADY MADE.
- SAND & SANDBAGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CITY OF OCONTO AT A COST PER BAG.
- JACKIE FOSTER INC. & CARLI'S EXCAVATING HAS SAND AVAILABLE AT A COST FOR LARGER SANDBAGGING PROJECTS.



## Lake Michigan-Huron Monthly Mean Water Levels





**FLOODPLAIN/SHORELAND PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**FROM: CITY OF OCONTO ZONING ADMINISTRATION &  
CITY OF OCONTO BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**  
**RE: FLOOD DAMAGE REPORTING AND PERMITTING**

- AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE RECENT FLOODING EVENTS, THE CITY OF OCONTO IS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND CHAPTER 2- FLOODPLAIN ZONING OF THE CITY OF OCONTO'S FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE TO CONDUCT SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS ON ALL FLOODPLAIN RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES. A STRUCTURE IS CONSIDERED SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGED IF THE TOTAL COST TO RESTORE THE STRUCTURE TO ITS PRE-DAMAGED CONDITION EQUALS OR EXCEEDS 50 PERCENT OF THE STRUCTURE'S PRESENT EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE. ALL RESIDENCES/BUSINESSES HAVING SUSTAINED DAMAGE WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY OF OCONTO FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE.
- BEFORE WORK BEGINS PERMITS MUST BE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF OCONTO FOR ANY REPAIRS AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION. WITH THE PERMIT APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT A DETAILED COST ESTIMATE THAT INCLUDES LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR ALL REPAIRS AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION. THE VALUE SUBMITTED WILL BE THEN COMPARED TO THE PRESENT EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE TO BE SURE THAT THE DAMAGE ESTIMATE IS NOT OVER THE 50 PERCENT RULE.
- IF DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED TO ANY RESIDENCE AND/OR BUSINESS A SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED BY CITY OFFICIALS WHICH WILL REQUIRE DOING AN INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY. CONTACT WILL NEED TO BE MADE TO SET UP A DATE AND TIME TO COMPLETE THE INSPECTION.
- IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE FLOOD DAMAGE FROM THE RECENT FLOODING EVENTS, PLEASE INDICATE THAT NO DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED BY CONTACTING CITY HALL AND INDICATING THAT THERE WAS NO DAMAGE.
- IT IS ADVISABLE FOR YOU AS AN OWNER OF A STRUCTURE THAT IS SUBJECT TO FLOODING TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT YOURSELF. NUMBER ONE SUGGESTED PRIORITY IS TO PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE TO HELP YOU IN CASES OF FLOOD DAMAGE. NUMBER TWO SUGGEST PRIORITY IS TO EXPLORE MEASURES TO ELEVATE YOUR RESIDENCE/BUSINESS TO PREVENT AGAINST DAMAGE THAT EXCEEDS 50 PERCENT OF THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE.
- THE CITY CAN REASSURE YOU THAT PROPER MEASURES AND CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH AUTHORITIES TO BE SURE THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR SUCH EVENTS.



# QUESTIONS FOR CITY OFFICIALS

## **POLICE & FIRE**

**POLICE CHIEF**

MIKE REHBERG

**FIRE CHIEF**

JOSH BOSTEDT

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**MAYOR**

JOHN PANETTI

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

BRITTNEY BICKEL

## **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING INSPECTION**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC WORK & UTILITIES**

JEREMY WUSTERBARTH

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

DUFF LEAVER



# **HELPFUL RESOURCES!**

- AMERICAN RED CROSS, *REPAIRING YOUR FLOODED HOME*:  
[WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/IMAGES/MEDIA](http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG/IMAGES/MEDIA)
- FEMA *AFTER A FLOOD: THE FIRST STEPS*:  
[WWW.FEMA.GOV/MEDIA-LIBRARY/ASSETS/DOCUMENTS/3396](http://WWW.FEMA.GOV/MEDIA-LIBRARY/ASSETS/DOCUMENTS/3396)
- WI DNR – RIP RAP AND SHORELINE QUESTIONS:  
CRYSTAL VANHOLDT  
[CRYSTAL.VONHOLDT@WISCONSIN.GOV](mailto:CRYSTAL.VONHOLDT@WISCONSIN.GOV)
- HELP WITH DNR EMERGENCY RIP RAP PERMITS:  
BRADY STODALA – LAND CONSERVATION OFFICE  
(LENA) 920-834-7150
- NEWCAP – DEB BARLAMENT – VICE PRESIDENT  
[DEBBARLAMENT@NEWCAP.ORG](mailto:DEBBARLAMENT@NEWCAP.ORG) – 920-371-2993
- THE OFFICIAL OCONTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEB SITE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING FLOODING / CLICK ON THE QUICK LINK TAB UNDER SOUTHERN OCONTO COUNTY FLOODING. [HTTPS://WWW.CO.OCONTO.WI.US](https://WWW.CO.OCONTO.WI.US)
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[HTTPS://WWW.CO.OCONTO.WI.US](https://WWW.CO.OCONTO.WI.US)
- CITY OF OCONTO FACEBOOK PAGE:
- **CITY OF OCONTO, WI**
- SAND FOR SANDBAGGING:  
JACKIE FOSTER INC – 920-826-5221
- SAND FOR SANDBAGGING –  
CARLIE LIEGEOIS – 920-373-2046