



Travis County Emergency Management

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Stay alert for possible flooding in rain-saturated Travis County

Travis County is urging the public to monitor local media for emergency weather alerts due to the forecast of rain and potential flooding late tonight through Friday. In last week's flood, we saw that the area's nickname of "Flash Flood Alley" is deserved.

Key departments from Travis County and the City of Austin are monitoring the weather situation. Even a small amount of rain hitting the County's saturated soil could cause flash flooding. Please follow local media updates for flooding and severe weather alerts, even if you do not live in areas that are prone to flooding. Stay away from floodwater, and seek higher ground when faced with rising water.

STAR Flight, which has three EC-145 helicopters equipped with hoists, is staffing an additional aircraft on 24-hour shifts to perform swift-water rescues and respond to emergencies. In addition, **STAR Flight** asks drone operators to stay away from evolving emergency situations for the safety of emergency responders and the public. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for commercial purposes is prohibited without approval from the FAA. For more information, go to: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/faq/#qn2>.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office reminds the public to never drive around a barricade. Driving around a barricade is a crime, and it is life threatening. Sheriff's deputies are on patrol, will report low-water crossing closures to atxfloods.com, and are ready to respond to emergencies.

Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Road and Bridge after-hours response crews are on-call and monitoring the situation. A few roads remain closed due to damage from last week's flooding, and those roads are listed at atxfloods.com.

In addition to monitoring local weather reports, the public can also find emergency message updates at Travis County Emergency Services Facebook ([TravisCoEmergencyServices](https://www.facebook.com/TravisCoEmergencyServices)) and Twitter (@TravisCountyES) pages. For anyone who is not on social media, emergency messages are posted on the Travis County homepage at: www.traviscountytexas.gov.

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