

Nevada Floodplain Management News

Special Flood Awareness Week Issue!!

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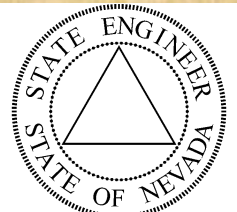
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STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES



A Message From The Flood Program:

Thank you for viewing the special Flood Awareness Week edition of Floodplain Management News!

This newsletter looks back and highlights the events held in Nevada's communities during Flood Awareness Week 2024.

Below are just a few of the partner agencies that make up the Nevada Floods team. Thank you for making the 11th annual Flood Awareness Week a success!





High Water Mark Unveiling Ceremony

WILLOW BEACH, WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

NOVEMBER 13 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Please join the Nevada Silver Jackets team in partnership with Nevada State Parks for the unveiling of the high water mark sign at Willow Beach, Washoe Lake State Park!

This celebration welcomes Pleasant Valley Elementary School, home school groups and elected officials to join us for a day outdoors. Staff from participating agencies will demonstrate watersheds, floodplains, animal pelts, geology and more at multiple stations.

EVENT DETAILS:

November 13

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Willow Beach
New Washoe City, NV 89704

Bring your own lunch/snacks
and dress warmly as the
weather requires



RSVPs are required for this event by October 30th. Please reach out to Sarah Fichtner at Sfichtner@water.nv.gov to reserve space for your class.



Partners:



Are you prepared?

Douglas County Presents

FLOOD AWARENESS EVENT

Join us to learn about flooding in Douglas County!

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM

**COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER
DINING ROOM**

1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville



Important projects to be highlighted:

- Douglas County Stormwater Master Plan
- Carson River Physical Map Revision
- Pinenut Road and Sawmill Road Wash Flood Control Study
- Pinenut Creek Flood Control Feasibility Study
- Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects Update

- Flood maps and an interactive flood model on display
- Information on flood insurance, flood preparedness, identifying flood zones, and mapping updates
- Several different organizations and Douglas County staff onsite to answer questions

NEVADA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024

For more information and additional resources on flooding in Nevada, visit www.nevadafloods.org
For event information, contact Courtney Walker, Stormwater Program Manager, at (775) 782-6215

Morgan Mill
HIGH WATER MARK
 Unveiling

2PM-4PM
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5597 MORGAN MILL ROAD, CARSON CITY, NV 89701
MORGAN MILL RIVER ACCESS

Join us for Carson City's High Water Mark Unveiling Ceremony!

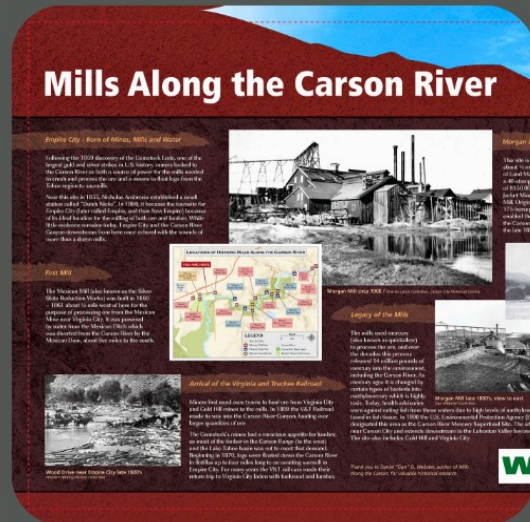
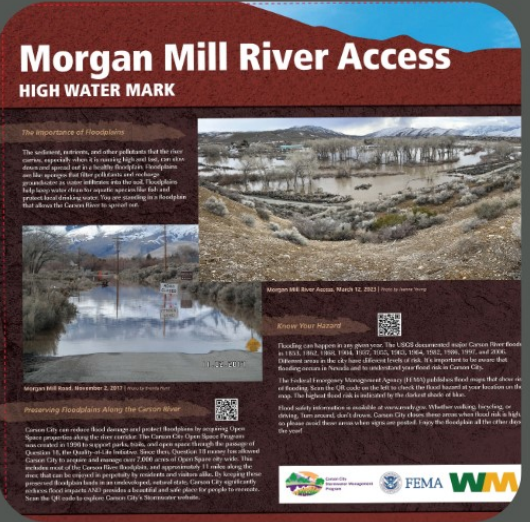
WHAT IS A HIGH WATER MARK?

A high water mark displays high water levels to educate the public about floods and floodplains. It serves as a visual aid for those who have not yet witnessed extreme events.

-What to Expect-

- Interactive stations
- Flood Information
- Disaster Themed Music
- Guided Walks
- Chance for flood discussion with Carson City staff

Partners:



High Water Mark Unveiling Ceremony



Partners:





A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, flooding creates emergencies of great concern to the State of Nevada with imminent threat to life and property, as well as the potential for hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses, and local community infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, since 1955, Nevada has received 19 presidential disaster declarations related to flooding. With 2023 marking the sixth year since Northern Nevada's devastating floods of 2017; as spring of 2023 brought extreme snow melt following a record-breaking snowpack accumulated over the winter leading to Nevada's 19th presidentially declared disaster related flooding, we impart the need to remain vigilant against such disasters; and

WHEREAS, Nevada continues to take critical steps to address climate change, the risk of more hazardous and frequent flooding remains a constant threat to people, property, and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard, flood risk reduction, vulnerability, and preparedness information are available from local, state, and federal partners and should be studied and observed throughout the year to reduce the impacts of flooding to communities, lives, and property; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Flood Awareness Committee is committed to developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, floodplain management and flood and inundation mapping; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Flood Awareness Committee continues to engage and inform Nevadans about how to prepare before, during, and after floods, as well as the importance of flood insurance to help create safer and more resilient communities; and ask all Nevadans to observe Nevada Floods Awareness Week by preparing their homes and communities for floods;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE LOMBARDO, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the week of November 10-16, 2024, as

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN NEVADA



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23rd Day of October, 2024


Governor

By 
Secretary of State

By 
Deputy

Flood Awareness Week Proclamations



PROCLAMATION
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION 2024P-118
A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024
AS NEVADA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Douglas County recognizes the significant threat flooding poses to residents, the County and our local economy, having endured repeated flood events from our watershed in the Carson River, Pinenut Creek, Buckeye Creek, Johnson Lane Wash, And Smelter Creek Watersheds, including the historic floods of 1955, 1997, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2017, and most recently in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is at particular risk of flooding, from slow rising riverine flooding in the winter and swift flash flooding in the summer; and

WHEREAS, during Nevada Flood Awareness Week, local, state and federal agencies across the state are working together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to protect their homes and families from a flood, and plan for recovery; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Flood Awareness Week 2024 will be held statewide the week of November 10-16 with the theme "Nevada Floods. Are you Prepared?" and the corresponding website is <https://nevadafloods.org/>.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners that Douglas County will participate in Nevada Flood Awareness Week from November 10-16, 2024, and supports increased public awareness of flood threats, encouraging all county residents to act.



Truckee River Flood Management Authority

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024 AS

NEVADA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Truckee River Flood Management Authority recognizes the significant threat that flooding poses to our residents, our businesses, the region and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our community has endured repeated flood events from the Truckee River watershed, including many historic floods, most notably the Flood of 1997; and

WHEREAS, we can reduce risk and help make our community more resilient by educating residents and businesses on actions they can take to prepare for floods; and

WHEREAS, during Nevada Flood Awareness Week, local, state, and federal agencies are working together across Nevada to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to protect their homes and families from a flood, and plan for recovery;

NOW THEREFORE, the Truckee River Flood Management Authority does hereby proclaim November 10th through November 16th as Nevada Flood Awareness Week, and urges all citizens to increase their awareness of the risks of floods by visiting www.nevadafloods.org to learn how to prepare and take action.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2024

Donald Abbott, Chairman

Storey County, Nevada
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Storey County recognizes the significant threat that flooding poses to our residents, our businesses, the community, the region and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, Storey County has experienced flood events from the Truckee River, weather events and flooding of local streams, channels and creeks, and

WHEREAS, Risks can be reduced and communities can be prepared to be more aware and resilient by educating residents and businesses on actions they can take to prepare for flood events; and

WHEREAS, During Flood Awareness Week, local, state and federal agencies are working together across Nevada to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to protect their homes and families, and businesses from a flood event and plan for recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Storey County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 10th through November 16th as

Nevada Flood Awareness Week

And urges all citizens to increase their awareness of the risks of floods by visiting www.NevadaFloods.org and learn how you can be prepared.

Dated this fifth Day of November, 2024

Jay Chomona, Chair
Storey County Commission



Carson Water Subconservancy District
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Carson Water Subconservancy District recognizes the significant threat that flooding poses to our residents, our businesses, the community, the region and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, communities of the Carson River Watershed flood when rain, snowmelt, and thunderstorms inundate the Carson River and its tributaries, alluvial fans, stormwater systems and,

WHEREAS, risks can be reduced and communities can be prepared to be more aware and resilient by educating residents and businesses on actions they can take to prepare for flood events; and

WHEREAS, during Flood Awareness Week, Carson Water Subconservancy District works with local, state, and federal agencies who are working together across Nevada to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to protect their homes and families, and businesses from a flood event and plan for recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, the Carson Water Subconservancy District Board of Directors does hereby proclaim November 10th through November 16th, 2024, as

2024 Nevada Flood Awareness Week

And urges all citizens to increase their awareness of the risks of floods by visiting www.nevadafloods.org and learning how you can be prepared.

Dated this 16th day of October 2024.

Ernest Schank, Vice Chair
Board of Directors
Carson Water Subconservancy District

Nevada Division of Water Resources Press Release



STATE OF NEVADA
Joe Lombardo, Governor

James A. Settelmeyer, Director
Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director
Chad J. Stephens, Deputy Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 8, 2024
Contact: Kaylynn Perez, kperez@dcur.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Water Resources' annual *Nevada Floods Awareness Week* encourages Nevadans to prepare before, during, and after a flood

Nevada floods. Are you prepared?

CARSON CITY, Nev. - Flooding is the most frequent and expensive natural disaster in the United States. Nevada is no exception, receiving 18 presidential disaster declarations for flooding since 1955. As extreme weather events increase in both frequency and severity, the need for flood preparedness has never been more critical.

To help Nevadans mitigate the risks of floods, the Nevada Flood Awareness Committee has organized Nevada Flood Awareness Week since November 2014. Led by the Nevada Division of Water Resources (DWR), this inter-agency initiative combines targeted media outreach, community events, and educational resources to raise awareness about the impacts of flooding.

We are pleased to commemorate this year's Nevada Floods Awareness Week, November 10-16, 2024, to encourage Nevadans to act and be prepared by developing flood resilient communities that protect their families, homes and communities.

"Flooding is a natural part of living in Nevada, and preparation is key to protecting our communities," says Sarah Fichtner, Floodplain Manager for DWR. "Flood Awareness Week is an opportunity for Nevadans to learn about their flood risk and the resources available to help safeguard their families and property. We're dedicated to providing the information and tools necessary to stay informed and prepared."

Throughout Nevada Floods Awareness Week, Nevadans can learn the importance of taking steps such as:

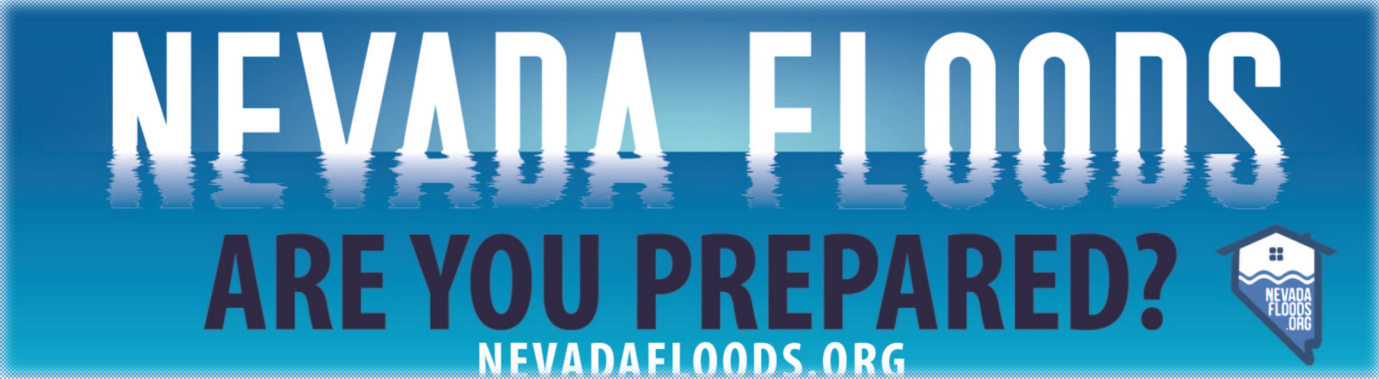
- Looking up your address on [FEMA's Map Service Center](#) to discover flood hazards in your area
- Having an emergency kit, or a go-bag with essential items
- Purchasing flood insurance

Information about flooding in Southern Nevada can be found from the [Clark County Regional Flood Control District](#) that does extensive monitoring, alerting and education about the unique flooding challenges in Las Vegas and surrounding areas. In addition, information for flooding in the Truckee Meadows region can be found from the [Truckee River Flood Project](#).

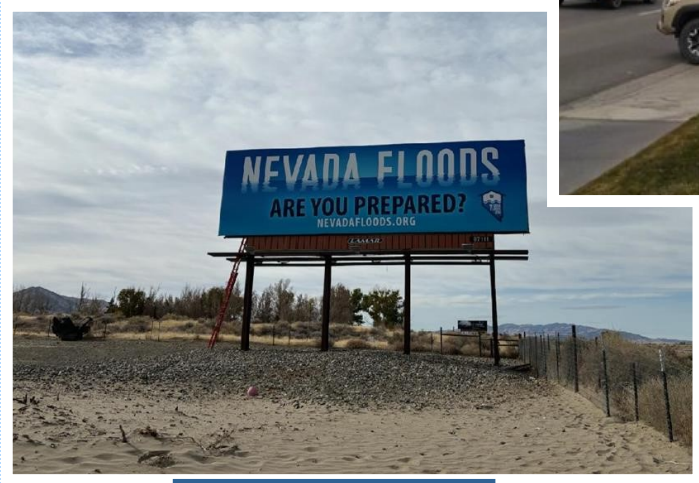
For more information and helpful resources, visit NevadaFloods.org and follow NevadaFloods on [Facebook](#).

**"Flooding is a natural part of living in Nevada, and preparation is key to protecting our communities."
-Sarah Fichtner**

Flood Awareness Week Billboards 2024



Elko location



Winnemucca Location



Carson City location

Flood Awareness Week Newspaper and Radio Ads

Nevada Floods
Are you prepared?

2024 Nevada Flood Awareness Week
November 10-16, 2024

Discover everything you need to know before, during, and after a flood.

[Click here for more](#)



Nevada Floods 2024 Flood Awareness Week published in Nevada Newspapers:

- Elko Daily News
- Nevada Appeal
- Record Courier
- Great Basin Sun
- Lahontan Valley News

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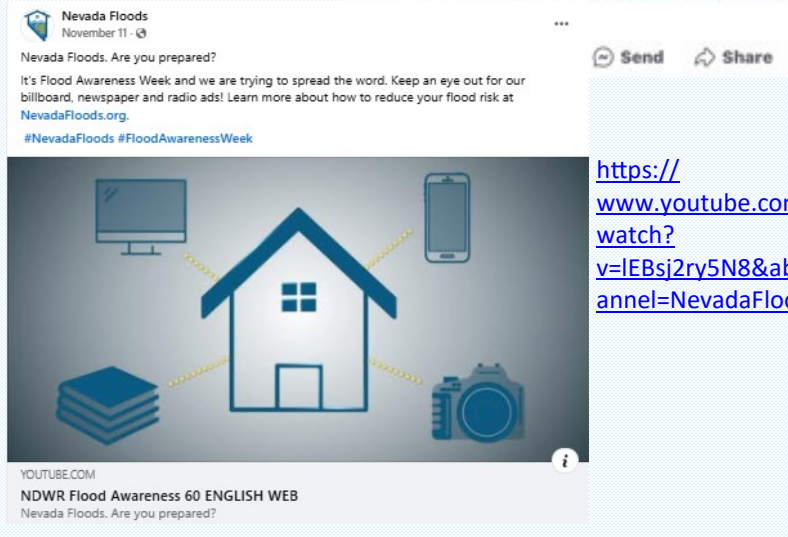
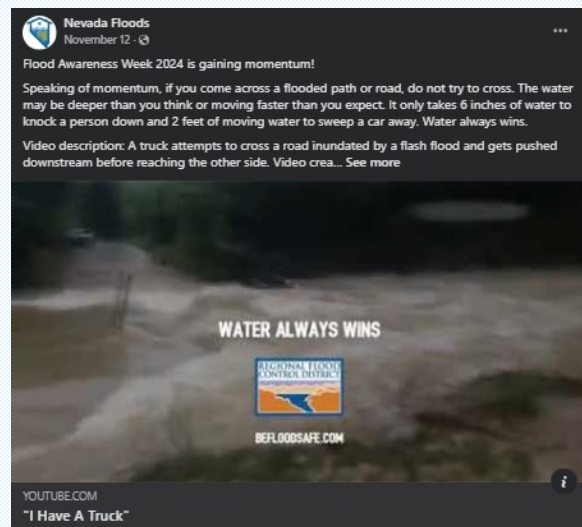
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Social Media Calendar



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEBsj2ry5N8&ab_channel=NevadaFloods

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cvxtgqgdhY&ab_channel=RegionalFloodControlDistrict



https://youtu.be/IEBsj2ry5N8?si=7730szrgtDtZS_IY

Social Media Calendar

Be Prepared

What to do in case of a flood

- Keep an emergency kit**
An emergency kit should include the essentials of what you might need in a flood. Examples of this includes food, water, a flashlight, radio, important documents, etc...
- Know your evacuation plan**
If local officials advise you to evacuate, you should be ready by already knowing your evacuation plan. This plan should include moving to higher ground as quickly as possible because the warning time may be little to none.
- Prepare your sandbags**
Sandbags act as a barrier to divert moving water around a structure making it a simple but effective way to prevent, or at least reduce damage from flooding.
- Know the warning systems**
Be aware of emergency notification systems. This is how information about a possible evacuation will be relayed. Have a battery-powered radio or portable charger in case it is necessary.
- Know your flood risk**
Doing research ahead of time can help you know how likely a flood in your area is. This can help you take proper precautions to protect you and your loved ones.

Nevada Floods
Nov 1

Flood Awareness Week 2024 is November 10-16! When it comes to flooding, preparation can make a huge difference in your ability to recover.

Nevada may be the driest state in the country, but that doesn't mean it does not flood here. A common saying in flood risk is: "Where it can rain, it can flood." Having flood insurance can help you get back on your feet again. To learn more about flood insurance, please visit: <https://agents.floodsmart.gov/>

#FloodAwarenessWeek #nevadafloods

Flood insurance is a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of flood damage. Check your coverage.

#BeInformed Ready

2 likes 3 shares

Like Comment Send Share

Nevada Floods
Nov 15

Stay away from flood waters. Stay safe.

3 fast FLOOD FACTS

- Heavy rain can bring dangerous flash flooding.
- 6 inches of moving water can knock a person down.
- 2 feet of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.

Whether you're walking or driving, stay clear of floodwaters. Share these facts with friends so they're safe too.

3 likes 7 shares

Like Comment Send Share

Nevada Floods
Nov 13

Being prepared for a flood is crucial to keeping you and your loved ones safe. Here are a few ideas: Listen to the radio or televis... See more

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN A FLOOD

REDUCED FLOOD RISK

- Identify flood-prone or vulnerable areas around your home.
- Know your community's warning signals, evacuation routes, and emergency shelter locations.
- Know whether you may have to evacuate in advance of a crisis. Flood waves and debris flows can remove the ability to safely evacuate once sandbags.
- Evacuation routes should be able to fit your local vehicles. Use evacuation routes, emergency alerts (including those from the National Weather Service, National Oceanic Administration, Administration District, FEMA) and other authorities.

WHAT TO DO DURING A FLOOD

- Listen to emergency updates and follow your radio or TV updates.
- Shut up appliances to prevent electrical shock when power comes back on.
- Do NOT drink or wash clothes that need to be cleaned.
- Do clean or bring outdoor items inside.
- When powerlines are down, water is in your home, or within your immediate 1/4 mile (1/4 mile) gas, power and water.

5 likes 6 shares

Like Comment Send Share

WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD

- Throw away items that cannot be disinfected, such as wall coverings, cloth, rugs and drywall.
- Use fans, air-conditioning units and dehumidifiers for drying.
- Clean walls, hard floors and other surfaces with soap and water. Use a mixture of 1 cup bleach and 1 gallon water to disinfect.
- Caution! Flood water may contain debris and toxic contaminants.

PRACTICE SAFE HYGIENE

Wash hands with soap and water to help prevent germs.

Listen for information from your local officials on how to safely use water to drink, cook or clean.

For cleanup, wear rubber boots and plastic gloves.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: emergency.cdc.gov/dasters/floods/. Figure adapted from the CDC.

Flood Awareness Week News Spots

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Students taught how to prepare for the next flood

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SCHOOL WATCH

WASHOE LAKE HIGH WATER MARK SIGN

4:51 PM HAWTHORNE THU 43° FRI 39° SAT 51° SUN 46° MON 48° TUE 54° WED 56°

How a new sign at Washoe Lake State Park is teaching students about flooding.

Nevada Floods 2024 Flood Awareness Week published in Nevada news media:

- Kolo 8
- The Record Courier
- Thetechedvocate
- Channel 2 News

County hosting flood awareness event Nov. 13



Flood waters pour past the Town of Minden Maintenance Yard during a second round of flooding in March 2023.

Photo by Kurt Hildebrand.

Nevada flood awareness week encourages Nevadans to prepare before, during and after a flood

Local, state, and federal agencies are working together to inform Nevadans about the dangers of flooding.

NEVADA FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

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