

KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD!

For flood information visit:

OTTAWAFLOODS.ORG or Stop by City Hall

GET FLOOD TEXT ALERTS

To receive information on flooding, weather alerts, road closures, and other local alerts sent to your email, home phone or mobile device.

Sign up for Ottawa's Nixle service at:

NIXLE.COM or Text 61350 to 888777

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM SEWER BACKUPS

Have you experienced sewer/water backup? The City's Sewer Ejector Program can assist property owners with installing overhead sewer systems. Eligible candidates can receive 50% cost sharing assistance, up to \$2000, to install the system. For more information visit:

OTTAWAFLOODS.ORG or CITYOFOTTAWA.ORG

EASY STEPS TO HELP REDUCE FLOODING and PROTECT WATER QUALITY:

- Keep grass clippings, leaves, and other lawn waste out of streets and storm drains.
 - Properly place gutters and other drainage outlets to minimize runoff.
 - Utilize rain barrels/construct rain gardens
 - Minimize application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Apply responsibly.
 - Create positive drainage around foundations
 - Check for permits for work in floodplains
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Mapping Information

Illinois River Level at Ottawa Visit:

water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=otwi2&wfo=lot

Inundation Maps of the City:

www.weather.gov/lot/ottawa_inundation_maps2016

Flood Maps:

msc.fema.gov/portal/home

Has Your Property Flooded... Yet?

- You don't have to live by a river or a creek to be susceptible to flooding.
- Extreme weather events are occurring more often.
- The record flood of 2013 caused very limited damage from river flooding. However, urban flooding resulted in hundreds of flooded basements causing millions of dollars in flood losses. Most were uninsured.
- **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY!**
- **BUY FLOOD INSURANCE and/
or SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE**

Flood insurance is available for any property.
Ottawa residents can receive up to 40% off on flood insurance premiums.

For more information on Flood Insurance:

FLOODSMART.GOV

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Your Insurance Agent

City of Ottawa-Community Development

