

Increasing Flood Resilience



The Environment Agency and Northumberland County Council are urging people to think about how they can reduce their risk of flooding in light of the recent bad weather across the County.

Flooding is no longer only an issue for communities living near to rivers or the sea, as surface water flooding now poses just as much of a risk. The impact of climate change now means that many areas are potentially at risk of flooding from a significant rise in heavy downpours putting pressure on existing drainage.

Colin Hall, who is Northumberland's Flood Community Engagement Officer, said:

Being flooded is absolutely devastating and any steps that can be taken towards better protecting your property, business and community can significantly lessen the impact. Some ways that you can increase your resilience to flooding are:

- Sign up to the Flood Warning Service to receive flood warning messages by visiting - www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings.
- Create a Personal Flood Plan and pack a grab bag with essentials – visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan for advice.
- Look to install flood protection products if required – visit <http://bluepages.org.uk/protecting-my-property/> for further advice.
- Make sure you have the right level of insurance cover needed – visit www.floodre.co.uk/
- Check your flood risk from rivers or sea and surface water on the flood warning information service flood maps - <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>.
- Regularly check for weather updates - <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>