

INSIDE WILLOW FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT



*Enhancing Our Community
through Drainage, Parks & Trails*

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Is Your Flood Insurance Policy Current?

**Willow Fork Drainage District
Wants You to Know...**

**From Heavy Rains to Hurricanes,
Be Ready with Flood Insurance**



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Protect your corner of the
world with flood insurance.

Everything is bigger in Texas—especially the storms!
With hurricane season near, now is the time to prepare and protect your corner of the world with a National Flood Insurance Policy (NFIP), so you are covered when storms blow in.

When Harvey hit, more than 87,000 Texans filed flood insurance claims and received expedited payments to help begin rebuilding their homes and lives. Hurricanes are not the only flood risk when living along the Texas Gulf Coast, heavy spring rains can also lead to flash flooding.

In fact, flooding is the most common, and costly, natural disaster in the United States, with just one inch of water in an average-sized home potentially causing more than \$25,000 in damage. Most homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, so be ready with a NFIP flood policy to safeguard both your home and belongings.

Make sure you're protected today! It may take up to 30 days for flood insurance to go into effect. Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) or call 800-427-4661 to learn more.

Atlantic Hurricane Season is June 1 through November 30—are you ready? Hurricane Harvey may seem in the distant past if you didn't live in WFDD in 2017, but for those who experienced its devastation firsthand, it's top of mind when storms blow in, including the destructive storm that pelted the Houston area May 16. Board member Sarah Hubbell, who has lived in the District for more than 15 years, recommends flood insurance for all residents. "While my home did not flood, I was very involved helping rescue neighbors trapped in their homes and providing assistance during recovery," said Hubbell. "As a community, we all felt the loss, but I saw how much harder it was for those without flood insurance to rebuild." After Harvey, more than 87,000 Texans filed flood insurance claims.

to rebuild. After Harvey, more than 87,000 Texans filed flood insurance claims and received expedited payments to begin restoring their homes and lives. Each spring, WFDD sends a postcard reminder regarding the importance of flood insurance, which may take up to 30 days to go into effect after purchase. Residents should have received their postcard during Hurricane Preparedness Week in early May with information on where to learn more.

[Flood Insurance Postcard](#)

Recent Heavy Rainfall Reminder to Prepare



Living near the Gulf Coast, it's not just tropical storms and hurricanes that cause flooding but also flash floods and storms that hover, dropping rain for hours or days. Recent heavy four-inch plus rains in the WFDD area are a good reminder to prepare your property and know who to contact to report concerning rising water. To help prevent rising water from collecting on your property, clean and secure loose gutters and downspouts, clear debris that could slow drainage, and avoid placing trash and recycling bins at the curb where they may tip and block drains. "Many people don't realize that streets are part of the drainage system designed to move water away from homes to detention areas," said WFDD Director Alec Bray. "When storms are predicted, it's important to keep streets and drainage inlets clear to prevent potential flooding, as well as to move vehicles off the street." To report drainage issues that need immediate attention, call WFDD's operator Inframark 24/7 at [281-579-4500](tel:281-579-4500), or for non-emergency concerns, email mudcustomerservice@inframark.com.

[Email Inframark](#)

Summertime Music & More at Central Green



Looking for staycation activities or hosting out-of-town guests? Central Green will be rockin' live music all summer long, including tribute bands playing tunes from Bon Jovi, Fleetwood Mac, Willie Nelson and The Beatles, plus a variety of artists performing blues, soul, Mo-town, disco, reggae, classic rock, and top hits. All programming is free and family-friendly, and visitors are welcome to bring a picnic or food and non-alcoholic beverages from nearby restaurants to enjoy while watching shows, although no glass containers are allowed on the green. A few special events are also being planned, including a Frozen movie night July 13 and Central Green's 10th annual Back-to-School Bash August 3, featuring two stages of student performers and a variety of activities and vendors. Follow [Central Green on Facebook](#) for the latest happenings, including any changes or weather delays, or view the [Central Green calendar](#) on the website, which also includes weekly yoga and Tai Chi classes.

[Central Green calendar](#)

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