

Heavy Rain

Heavy rains can present a threat to life and property:

- Causing localized or flash flooding and dangerously swift moving water
- Weakening foundations, producing pot holes and carrying debris onto roads
- Weakening soil, resulting in erosion and mudslides

Monitor severe weather

During periods of severe weather causing wide-spread damage to utilities, facilities and transportation, Ross residents are encouraged to consult the Town website and resources available online, listen to emergency alerts, and check local media to stay informed. Monitor stations that broadcast emergency alert messages: local TV and radio stations. Have battery powered radios on hand and preset those stations.

Prepare for heavy rains

Residents should plan to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of any emergency. (Learn more about [planning for emergencies](#)).

Emergency Planning

Planning for emergencies (this is new sheet we will create) is critical to safety. Effective planning can reduce the disruption, trauma and costs of disasters -- saving lives, property and the environment.

Basic elements of emergency planning

- Clearly identify immediate response actions when disaster threatens or strikes
- Develop a plan to obtain resources
- Identify potential hazards to life and property
- Identify resources and strategies to minimize or eliminate hazards
- Update the plan as necessary to accommodate changing conditions

Use sandbags

During the rainy season, Ross residents may pick up emergency sandbags at the entrance to Natalie Coffin Greene Park. Please bring a shovel to fill your bags.

What to do in the event of heavy rains and flooding

- Stay clear of areas of flooding, swift moving water; never drive through it.