

The mountains in Utah have received much more snow than usual this year, and as the snow melts, there is the potential for flooding. Here are some steps you can take to be prepared:

- Clear debris or snow from your gutters and downspouts to help prevent water from backing up and seeping into your home.
- Know the elevation of your property in relation to plains, streams, and other waterways.
- If the ground is sloped 1 inch per foot near the house, moving snow just 3 to 5 feet away from the house can help reduce the possibility of flooding.
- Keep water out of window wells. Build dams, and contour the ground so water will naturally drain away from the house. This can be accomplished using sandbags or adjusting landscaping.
- Move valuable items to a higher level in your home or off-site to protect them from flood damage.
- Be aware of weather conditions and flood warnings in your area. Listen to local news broadcasts and emergency alerts to stay informed.
- Have an evacuation plan and location destination planned if it becomes necessary.
- Keep your car's gas tank full in case you need to evacuate.
- Store food, water, and critical medical supplies.

By taking these steps, you can minimize the damage caused by spring flooding and keep your family safe. Remember, the best way to stay safe during a flood is to stay informed, stay prepared, and stay alert.

All the best,

The USU Emergency Preparedness Team