



NEWS RELEASE

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Flood Watch and Wind Advisory for Middle Tennessee **City advises motorists to use caution navigating flooded streets**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 13, 2014

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Motorists are urged to use caution this afternoon and this evening following heavy rains this past weekend with more rain and a powerful storm system expected tonight. The National Weather Service advises that a Flash Flood Watch and Wind Advisory are in effect tonight until Tuesday afternoon for all of Middle Tennessee.

City Street Department crews have been working to clear storm drains of leaves and excessive debris ahead of additional rainfall. The Street Department will have crews on standby throughout the evening and into the morning to address roadway flooding. Due to the amount of rainfall already and the additional rainfall expected this evening, the motoring public is reminded of the dangers surrounding standing water and flooding:

- Flooding can occur as streams and rivers flow over their banks, or any time there is rainfall with significant duration and intensity.
- Flash floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly. They can occur within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainfall. Be cautious during storm seasons, or any time that flooding is common in your area.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded-out roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to your destination.
- Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can conceal dips, or worse, floodwaters can damage roadways, washing away the entire road surface and a significant amount of ground.
- If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.
- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.

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- One foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUV's and pick-ups.

The Nashville National Weather Service advisories for Middle Tennessee are listed below:

Flash Flood Watch

FLOOD WATCH
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NASHVILLE TN
 345 AM CDT MON OCT 13 2014

...**FLASH FLOOD WATCH TONIGHT** UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON FOR ALL OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE...

PERIODS OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAVE CAUSED THE GROUND TO BECOME NEARLY SATURATED FOR MANY LOCATIONS IN MID TENNESSEE. MORE RAIN IS ON THE WAY AS **A POWERFUL STORM SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BRING A BAND OF HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS INTO MID TENNESSEE TONIGHT THROUGH TUESDAY MORNING.** RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1 TO 3 INCHES ARE EXPECTED...AND SOME LOCALLY HEAVY AMOUNTS CANNOT BE RULED OUT. THIS HEAVY RAINFALL IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD WILL LIKELY CAUSE SOME FLASH FLOODING. THIS SITUATION IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN BECAUSE WATER LEVELS MAY RISE RAPIDLY...AND MUCH OF THE RAIN WILL FALL AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE DEPTH OF WATER. THE HEAVY RAIN IS EXPECTED TO TAPER OFF BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Wind Advisory

URGENT - WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NASHVILLE TN
 357 AM CDT MON OCT 13 2014

...WIND ADVISORY THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH TONIGHT FOR ALL OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE...

A STRONG LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL ADVANCE ACROSS THE MID MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGION TODAY. THIS STRONG LOW WILL GENERATE A LARGE AREA OF GUSTY WINDS. THE WINDS WILL BE ENHANCED TONIGHT AS A COLD FRONT SWEEPS INTO THE MID STATE. **SUSTAINED WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO CLIMB INTO THE 15 TO 25 MPH RANGE...WITH GUSTS OVER 35 MPH.** THESE SPEEDS DO NOT INCLUDE THE STRONGER DAMAGING WINDS WHICH MAY BE PRODUCED BY SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS.

The National Weather Service website is available at <http://www.weather.gov/>.

Sources: FEMA.gov, NOAA.gov

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