

# **Media Backgrounder**

## **Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program**

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program is to implement emergency flood damage reduction or prevention measures for spring 2011 for communities (cities, towns, villages and resort villages), municipalities, and individual farm and country residences. The program will provide technical and financial assistance to protect homes and permanent structures.

### ***Program Overview***

Under the program, communities and resort villages are eligible for 100% of costs for technical assistance, including engineering advice, and 75% of costs for construction of flood protection works, such as berms, channels, and channel improvements.

Rural yard sites and country residences are also eligible for 100% of costs for technical assistance, as well as 85% of costs for berm construction to protect property on farmsteads and country residences. Costs to test private potable water supplies impacted by flooding will also be covered under the program.

Short term actions such as sand bagging, clearing channels and frozen culverts are eligible for 50% assistance.

Assistance and access to the program will be provided to communities, resort villages, rural municipalities, owners of rural yard sites and owners of country residences.

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is contacting communities with known flood risks. Other communities and individuals with potential flood risks are encouraged to contact the Watershed Authority Regional Offices.

For each community the first step is the technical, engineering investigation to identify the best option. Watershed Authority will consider financial support for any flood prevention works recommended in the engineering report. Watershed Authority and the community or individual will then sign a cost sharing agreement and work can proceed.

Where a community has short and long-term needs the Watershed Authority will encourage construction of works to address the imminent flood risk but would consider funding higher total project cost if the works could be used in a solution to address long term needs.

Corrections, Public Safety and Policing is organizing meetings with municipal officials to help communities plan for the flood risk, identify risks and establish the necessary organizational structures and resources to be able to respond effectively during a flood.

Advice will be prepared to help people citizens understand protective measures they should take around their homes.

Corrections, Public Safety and Policing will acquire stock piles of rapid response equipment such as sand bags to make available to communities.

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**The program is delivered by Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.**

### ***Contact Information***

Those needing assistance should contact the nearest Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Regional Office located at:

**Saskatchewan Watershed Authority  
Weyburn Regional Office**

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