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## Move to Higher Ground Order Lifted – MSFD Urging Residents to Prepare for Flooding Over the Next 7 Days

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The Manitou Springs Fire Department (MSFD) has lifted its Move to Higher Ground Order at 11:15p.m. on July 31.

Over the event on July 31, no injuries were reported and the estimated damage is currently unknown.

City Public Works crews will be prioritizing debris removal and storm drain cleaning over the next week in preparation for further rain.

With the heavy saturation that Manitou Springs received on Saturday, the ground will remain saturated as the rains continue for the next seven days, therefore increasing the risk of flood. The MSFD is urging its residents to prepare for further flood events over the next week by:

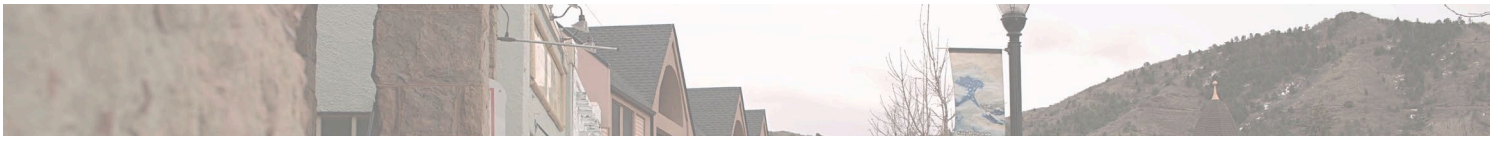
1. Signing up for PeakAlerts to receive evacuation notifications at [bit.ly/MSEvacAlerts](https://bit.ly/MSEvacAlerts)
2. Monitor local news and our central information webpage for flood updates: <https://bit.ly/MSFloodUpdates>
3. If you see flooding, move to higher ground!

Future updates will come on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Previous: Move to Higher Ground Order Enacted Around n Fountain Creek in Manitou Springs

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The Manitou Springs Fire Department enacted a move to higher ground order for all homes and buildings located near Fountain Creek, east of Old Mans Trail and in between Manitou Ave. and El Paso Boulevard. around 9p.m. on Monday, July



31<sup>st</sup> due to overflowing water coming out of Fountain Creek. Please avoid the area as some of the roads may be compromised by debris and/or water.

The department is urging anybody in this affected area east of City Hall to retreat to higher ground. An increase in water flow is expected due to the runoff coming from Williams Canyon, therefore possibly making the water level rise further.

Currently, no injuries have been reported, and the Manitou Springs Fire Department has spent all efforts towards alerting residents of the dangers and helping them move to higher ground.

**A note for the media:**

A press conference will be taking place at 10:30p.m. at the Manitou Springs High School located at 401 El Monte Place. Please also avoid the areas mentioned for your safety as well.

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