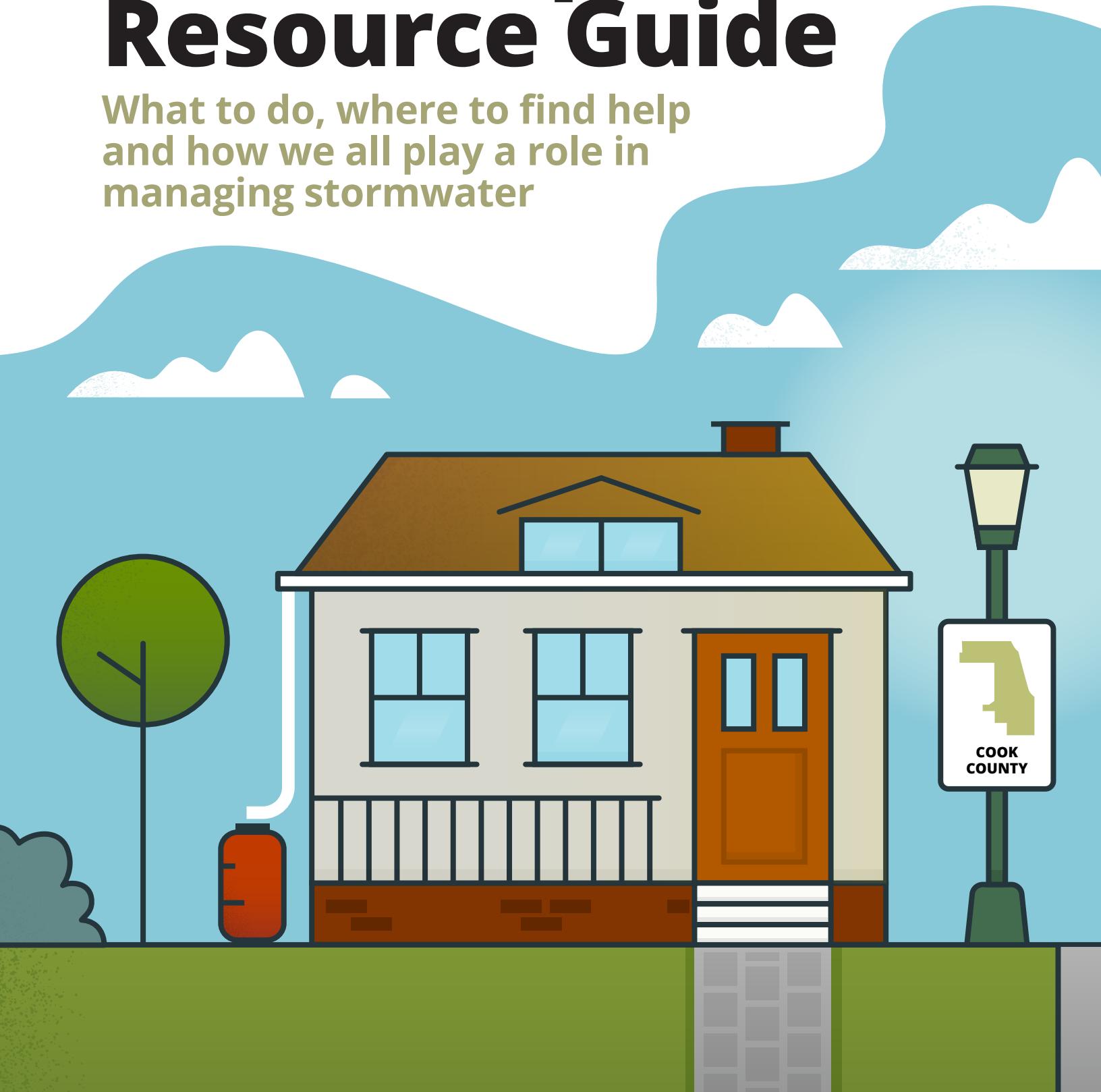




**Metropolitan Water  
Reclamation District  
of Greater Chicago**

# Flood Response Resource Guide

**What to do, where to find help  
and how we all play a role in  
managing stormwater**



# **Flooding can be devastating, leaving behind damage, stress and financial hardship.**

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) works around the clock to manage stormwater, mitigate flooding and protect our water environment, but unpredictable storms and other forces of nature are inevitable. The MWRD created this resource guide to provide clear information and practical tools to help residents recover and prepare for the future when those storms and flooding occurs.

## **Inside this document you will find:**

- steps to take after a flood
- ways to protect your home and family
- resources available throughout Cook County

Our goal is to make it easier for you to navigate recovery and to connect you with the support you need.

## **Stormwater Management**

The MWRD oversees a countywide effort to manage stormwater runoff, reduce flooding, improve the health of our waterways, and protect the source of our drinking water, Lake Michigan.

Learn more about our work and how you can help.

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**FOR MORE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**  
[mwr.org/stormwater](http://mwr.org/stormwater)

# FLOOD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

## Before Flooding Occurs

### Create a family communications plan

Every household should be prepared before flooding occurs. Know your evacuation routes and assemble an emergency kit with essentials such as drinking water, nonperishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, and a flashlight. For more ideas and guidance on building a supply kit, visit [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit).

### Consider Flood Insurance

Most homeowner's insurance policies don't cover flooding. Consider the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in protecting your home by visiting [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) or check with homeowners/renters/condo insurance company for add-on flood coverage.

Review your policy and ask your insurance agent about two items:

- overland flood insurance (like the NFIP)
- sewer and drain backup rider.

## After Flooding Occurs

### Identify where the water is coming from.

It may be coming from severe storms in your area, but other possible sources include plumbing leaks, roof leaks, or a malfunctioning sump pump.

### Once you've identified the cause, consider contacting a licensed professional for repairs.

### Notify your local municipality.

Your municipality needs to be notified so they can respond and track flooding issues and offer available assistance.

- **Chicago residents** can call 3-1-1, visit [311.chicago.gov](http://311.chicago.gov), or use the CHI311 app.
- **Suburban Cook County residents** should contact their local municipality (see pages 8-10). Your municipality manages local sewers and works with the MWRD to manage stormwater.

Residents  
reports flooding  
to municipality



Municipality works  
with MWRD through  
Partnership Programs



Municipality  
can also seek  
other help

### Document any damage to help with insurance claims or disaster assistance.

Take photos and videos of the damage before cleaning.

### Clean up safely to protect your health.

- After floodwater or a sewer backup enters your home, clean up as soon as it is safe to return. Do not enter a flooded basement or room if the power is on.
- Assume all floodwater is contaminated, especially from a sewer backup. Wear protective gear such as rubber boots, gloves, goggles and a N-95 mask.
- Remove standing water, then scrub hard surfaces with soap and clean water before disinfecting them.
- Mold can begin to grow within 24-48 hours. Dry all materials as quickly as possible to prevent mold growth.
- Throw out any items that cannot be washed or disinfected.
- If appliances, electrical systems, or gas lines were affected, have a qualified professional inspect them before use.

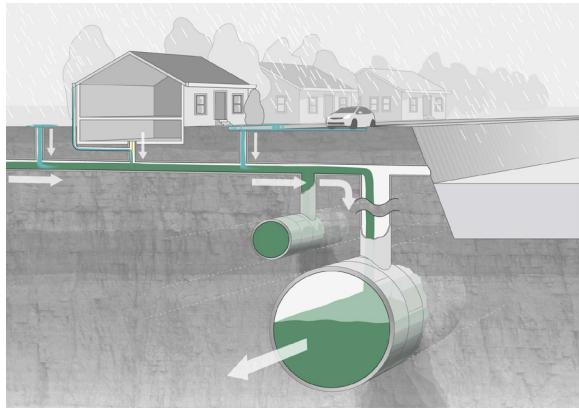


**FOR MORE ON WHAT TO DO DURING FLOODING**  
[mwr.org/what-to-do-during-flooding](http://mwr.org/what-to-do-during-flooding)

## Understanding your sewer

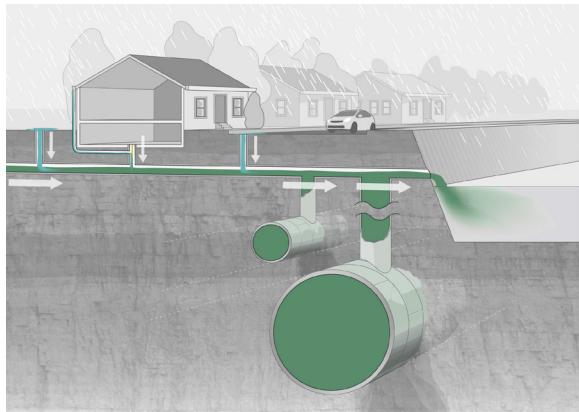
Water from your home flows through a private pipe into your neighborhood sewer, which is owned and maintained by your municipality.

These local sewers connect to larger MWRD intercepting sewers, which carry water to treatment plants where it is cleaned and released back into waterways.



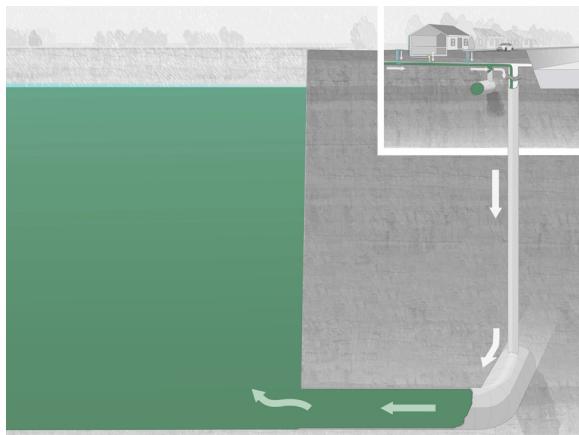
Many communities in the Chicago area have combined sewer systems, where both sewage and rainwater share the same pipes.

During heavy rainfall, too much water can enter these systems, causing combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that release untreated water into waterways.



To address this, the MWRD built the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), or Deep Tunnel, which captures excess water in huge tunnels and reservoirs until it can be treated after storms.

Basement backups and street flooding often happen when rainwater enters neighborhood sewers faster than it can flow through them.

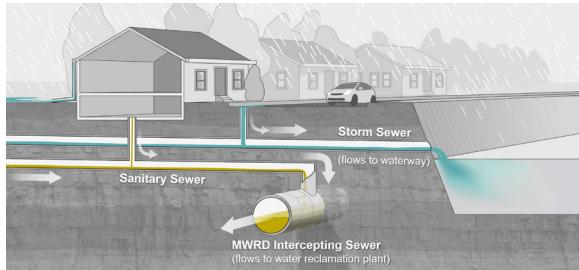


Even when there is space in MWRD's larger systems, backups can still occur due to clogged or damaged pipes, or simply because the local sewers reach capacity.

The MWRD helps prevent flooding by maintaining sewers, working with municipalities on stormwater projects, and installing green infrastructure like rain gardens and permeable surfaces to absorb rain where it falls.

Residents can help too by disconnecting their downspouts, protecting their private sewer lines, reducing water use during storms, and taking steps to prevent runoff, which improves water quality and reduces flooding risks.

Newer communities in the MWRD service area have a different type of sewer system. In separate sewer systems, sanitary sewage flows through one set of pipes to MWRD intercepting sewers, while stormwater drains through storm sewers that empty to waterways.



This prevents untreated stormwater from mixing with sewage and overloading water reclamation plants, but these systems too require regular maintenance and rehabilitation work to ensure reliable service and to prevent excessive infiltration and inflow from entering sewers, causing basement backups and sanitary sewer overflows.

**Find out what kind of sewer system you have in our municipality directory on pages 8-10.**



**FOR MORE ON UNDERSTANDING YOUR SEWER**  
[m wrd.org/understanding-your-sewer](http://m wrd.org/understanding-your-sewer)

# How the MWRD reduces flooding

The Chicago region's flat landscape makes it prone to flooding.

Since its founding in 1889, the MWRD has focused on reducing flooding and improving water quality for over five million residents.

## The MWRD manages major infrastructure



**Chicago Area Waterway System**, which includes canals and rivers that protect Lake Michigan, provide drainage, and support navigation.



**Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP)** captures sewage and stormwater during heavy rains to prevent sewer overflows, holding water until it can be treated.



**Channel improvements**, which clear and widen streams to improve water flow and prevent erosion.

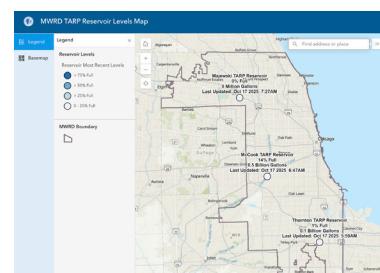


**Flood control reservoirs**, which temporarily store water from rivers and streams during storms.

## The MWRD also works with communities on long-term flood prevention:

- Through four partnership programs: Stormwater, Green Infrastructure, Conceptual Projects and Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition.
- Enforcing the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) to reduce runoff from new developments
- Promoting green infrastructure like rain gardens, permeable pavement, and other systems that absorb water where it falls

- Small Stream Maintenance program keeps waterways clear of blockages
- Native landscaping helps naturally manage stormwater and reduce pollution



You can access real time TARP levels on our website



FOR MORE ON REDUCING FLOODING  
[mwr.org/reducing-flooding](http://mwr.org/reducing-flooding)

## The MWRD and Chicago Area Waterway System

Just as each storm is different, flooding also happens for a variety of reasons. Urban flooding occurs when rainfall overwhelms the local drainage capacity within a developed area, while riverine, or fluvial flooding, takes place when water topples banks due to heavy rainfall or snowmelt. The MWRD manages the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) to control water levels and reduce the risk of flooding.

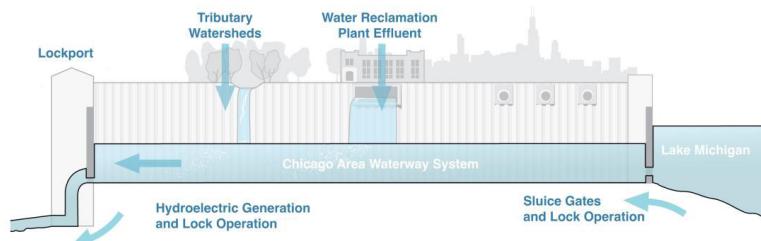
Lake Michigan is normally higher than the CAWS. Before a storm, the MWRD lowers the CAWS water level by releasing more water at Lockport and closing the lake's sluice gates (underwater doors) to create extra space for stormwater while maintaining enough depth for boat traffic.

While CAWS operations can reduce overbank flooding, there are limits to their effectiveness. They can only help when the waterway level

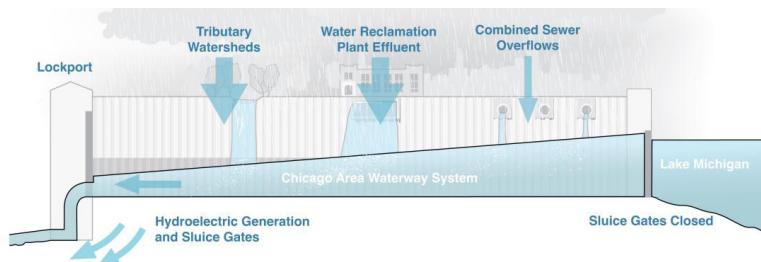
is higher than the lake, and they don't control flooding in areas outside the CAWS, such as the Des Plaines River.

Additionally, street flooding and basement backups often occur when neighborhood sewers are overwhelmed. Controlling the level in the CAWS helps ensure that when the MWRD's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) facilities are full, sewers can send as much overflow as possible to the CAWS instead of backing up into basements.

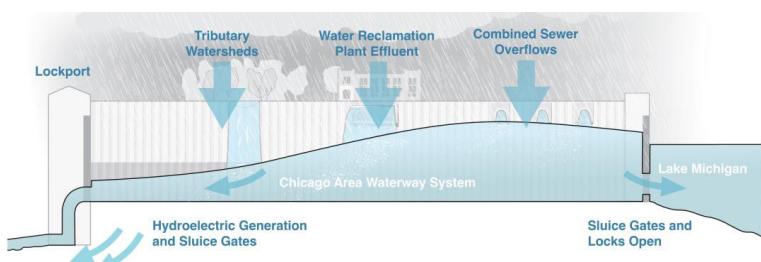
However, municipal sewers are generally decades old and were not sized to convey flow from some of the large storms we experience today. In these situations, neither TARP nor lowering the CAWS can prevent flooding because the storm is delivering more water into the local sewer system than can be conveyed downstream to TARP and the CAWS.



**Under normal conditions,** water flows into the CAWS from Lake Michigan, local streams, and water reclamation plants, then flows downhill toward the Lockport Powerhouse.



**During moderate storms,** additional sluice gates are opened to increase outflow while keeping lake gates closed to prevent extra water from entering.



**In extreme storms,** we maximize the flow released through Lockport, but water can still rise faster than it can be released. If water levels near the control structures at the lake exceed the lake's water level and flooding becomes imminent, the MWRD works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to open the lake's gates to release water into the lake, a process called a "reversal."

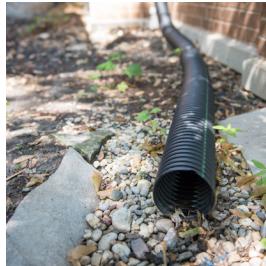


**FOR MORE ON THE MWRD AND CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM**  
[m wrd.org/chicago-area-waterway-system-operations](http://m wrd.org/chicago-area-waterway-system-operations)

## You can help reduce flooding

Flooding is a natural part of our region's landscape, but you can take steps to help reduce its impact and protect water quality.

Too much water can overwhelm sewers, leading to street flooding, basement backups, and overflows into local waterways. By making small changes at home, you can keep more water out of the sewer system.



**Disconnect**  
downspouts so  
rainwater flows into  
your yard instead of  
the sewer



**Replace** paved  
areas with  
water-absorbing  
surfaces



**Report** waterway  
blockages or  
flooding to your  
local municipality



**Use**  
less water  
during storms



**Install**  
a rain barrel  
and rain  
garden

To report water blockages and pollution, contact the MWRD Citizen Incident Reporting system, by visiting [m wrd.org](http://m wrd.org) and scrolling to the bottom of the home page and click on "Report an issue," or call the MWRD at **(800) 332-3867 (DUMP)**.

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### Read the "Green Neighbor Guide."



This online resource provides homeowners with detailed information, outlines the equipment needed and gives step-by-step instructions to help manage stormwater at home through practices that utilize green infrastructure.

The guide takes readers through effective stormwater management practices, such as disconnecting downspouts, installing rain barrels, rain gardens and dry wells, and constructing permeable pavement to soak up more water. Each of these applications varies in the amount of time and resources required, but each has its own impact on the land.

You can download a free copy at [m wrd.org/GNG-English](http://m wrd.org/GNG-English)



**FOR MORE ON REDUCING FLOODING**  
[m wrd.org/help-prevent-flooding](http://m wrd.org/help-prevent-flooding)

## Overflow Action

**You can help reduce basement backups and flooding by conserving water before, during and after rainstorms.**

In most of the Chicago area, rainwater goes through the same set of pipes as the water that goes down the drain in your home. When too much water enters sewers too quickly, the sewers can back up into streets and basements. Additionally, extra water in sewers can cause them to overflow into the river in some cases. Every little bit of conservation can help reduce the overall amount of water in the system.

### Ways to conserve water



**Delay or reduce shower times**



**Put off running the dishwasher**



**Wait to wash clothes**



**Replace old and leaky faucets, toilets and showerheads with new products approved by [EPA WaterSense](#)**



**The MWRD sends out Overflow Action Alerts as reminders to conserve water when heavy rains are forecast.**

Overflow Action Alerts are a joint initiative of the MWRD and Friends of the Chicago River.

[Sign up to receive Overflow Action Alerts](#)



**FOR MORE ON OVERFLOW ACTION**  
[m wrd.org/overflow-action](http://m wrd.org/overflow-action)

## Stormwater partnership programs

Local governments and public agencies in Cook County can apply to the MWRD for help with funding stormwater projects. The MWRD works with local government organizations to protect communities from flooding through four partnership programs that these government entities, like municipalities, park and school districts can apply for funding and assistance from the MWRD. These partnership programs are comprised of the following: Stormwater, Green Infrastructure, Conceptual Projects and Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition. When flooding occurs, it is important to alert your municipality, township or government entities to acknowledge where flooding exists.



### Stormwater Partnership Program

*MWRD provides funding to build shovel-ready stormwater management projects.*

The MWRD Stormwater Partnership Program funds (top left) projects that address flooding through a variety of traditional engineering solutions including localized detention, upsizing storm sewers and culverts, pumping stations, establishing drainage ways, as well as green infrastructure.



### Green Infrastructure Partnership Program

*MWRD provides funding to build GI projects.*

The MWRD's Green Infrastructure Partnership Program involves funding projects (top right) like permeable pavement and rain gardens that allow stormwater to infiltrate the ground before entering the sewer system



### Conceptual Projects

*MWRD provides technical assistance to study your flooding problem and design a solution.*

Selected conceptual projects (bottom right) unite MWRD engineers with communities to develop a mutually agreed-upon solution to a stormwater problem. The MWRD provides technical assistance needed on the project, which can include preliminary engineering.



### Voluntary Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program

*MWRD provides funding to acquire flood-prone properties. Acquisitions are voluntary.*

Some homes located within the floodplain sustain repetitive damage from multiple flood events (bottom left). The FPPA program helps local municipalities acquire these properties in flood-prone areas from willing sellers and restore the property as green space that can better manage stormwater.



**FOR MORE ON STORMWATER PARTNERSHIPS**

[m wrd.org/stormwater/partnerships](http://m wrd.org/stormwater/partnerships)

## Municipality Contacts

Municipality	Type Of System	Website	Phone
Alsip	S	<a href="http://villageofalsip.org">villageofalsip.org</a>	708-385-6902
Arlington Heights	C&S	<a href="http://vah.com">vah.com</a>	847-368-5000
Barrington	S, D	<a href="http://barrington-il.gov">barrington-il.gov</a>	847-304-3400
Barrington Hills	S, D	<a href="http://barringtonhills-il.gov">barringtonhills-il.gov</a>	847-551-3000
Bartlett	S	<a href="http://bartlettil.gov">bartlettil.gov</a>	630-837-0800
Bedford Park	C&S	<a href="http://villageofbedfordpark.com">villageofbedfordpark.com</a>	708-458-2067
Bellwood	S	<a href="http://vil.bellwood.il.us">vil.bellwood.il.us</a>	708-547-3500
Bensenville	S, D	<a href="http://bensenville.gov">bensenville.gov</a>	630-766-8200
Berkeley	S	<a href="http://berkeley.il.us">berkeley.il.us</a>	708-449-8840
Berwyn	C	<a href="http://berwyn-il.gov">berwyn-il.gov</a>	708-788-2660
Blue Island	C	<a href="http://blueisland.org">blueisland.org</a>	708-597-8603
Bridgeview	S	<a href="http://bridgeview-il.gov">bridgeview-il.gov</a>	708-594-2525
Broadview	C&S	<a href="http://broadview-il.gov">broadview-il.gov</a>	708-681-3600
Brookfield	C&S	<a href="http://brookfieldil.gov">brookfieldil.gov</a>	708-485-7344
Buffalo Grove	S	<a href="http://vbg.org">vbg.org</a>	847-459-2500
Burbank	S	<a href="http://burbankil.gov">burbankil.gov</a>	708-599-5500
Burr Ridge	S	<a href="http://burr-ridge.gov">burr-ridge.gov</a>	630-654-8181
Burnham	C	<a href="http://burnham-il.gov">burnham-il.gov</a>	708-862-9150
Calumet City	C&S	<a href="http://calumetcity.org">calumetcity.org</a>	708-891-8106
Calumet Park	C	<a href="http://calumetparkvillage.org">calumetparkvillage.org</a>	708-389-0850
Chicago	C	<a href="http://chicago.gov">chicago.gov</a>	311 or 312-744-5000
Chicago Heights	S, D	<a href="http://cityofchicagoheights.org">cityofchicagoheights.org</a>	708-756-5300
Chicago Ridge	S	<a href="http://chicagoridge.org">chicagoridge.org</a>	708-425-7700
Cicero	C	<a href="http://thetownofcicero.com">thetownofcicero.com</a>	708-656-3600
Country Club Hills	S	<a href="http://countryclubhills.org">countryclubhills.org</a>	708-798-2616
Countryside	S	<a href="http://countryside-il.org">countryside-il.org</a>	708-354-7270
Crestwood	S	<a href="http://crestwood.illinois.gov">crestwood.illinois.gov</a>	708-371-4800
Deer Park	S	<a href="http://villageofdeerpark.com">villageofdeerpark.com</a>	847-726-1648
Deerfield	S, D	<a href="http://deerfield.il.us">deerfield.il.us</a>	847-945-5000
Des Plaines	C&S	<a href="http://desplainesil.gov">desplainesil.gov</a>	847-391-5300
Dixmoor	C	<a href="http://villageofdixmoor.org">villageofdixmoor.org</a>	708-389-6121
Dolton	C&S	<a href="http://vadolton.org">vadolton.org</a>	708-849-4000
East Dundee	S, D	<a href="http://eastdundee.net">eastdundee.net</a>	847-426-2822
East Hazel Crest	S	<a href="http://easthazelcrest.com">easthazelcrest.com</a>	708-798-0213
Elgin	S	<a href="http://elginil.gov">elginil.gov</a>	847-931-6001
Elk Grove Village	S	<a href="http://elkgrove.org">elkgrove.org</a>	847-357-4000
Elmhurst	S, D	<a href="http://elmhurst.org">elmhurst.org</a>	630-530-3000
Elmwood Park	C	<a href="http://elmwoodpark.org">elmwoodpark.org</a>	708-452-7300
Evanston	C	<a href="http://cityofevanston.org">cityofevanston.org</a>	847-448-4311
Evergreen Park	S	<a href="http://evergreenpark-ill.com">evergreenpark-ill.com</a>	708-422-1551
Flossmoor	S	<a href="http://flossmoor.org">flossmoor.org</a>	708-798-2300
Ford Heights	S	<a href="http://villagesoffordheights.com">villagesoffordheights.com</a>	708-758-3131
Forest Park	C	<a href="http://forestpark.net">forestpark.net</a>	708-366-2323

### Type Of System Key

C Combined sewer system

S Separate sewer system

D Does not discharge into District Facilities

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Type Of System</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Forest View	C	<a href="http://forestview-il.org">forestview-il.org</a>	708-788-3429
Frankfort	S, D	<a href="http://frankfortil.org">frankfortil.org</a>	815-469-2177
Franklin Park	C&S	<a href="http://villageoffranklinpark.com">villageoffranklinpark.com</a>	847-671-4800
Glencoe	S	<a href="http://villageofglencoe.org">villageofglencoe.org</a>	847-835-4111
Glenview	S	<a href="http://glenview.il.us">glenview.il.us</a>	847-724-1700
Glenwood	S	<a href="http://villageofglenwood.com">villageofglenwood.com</a>	708-753-2400
Golf	C	<a href="http://villageofgolf.us">villageofgolf.us</a>	847-998-8852
Hanover Park	S	<a href="http://hpil.org">hpil.org</a>	630-823-5600
Harvey	C&S	<a href="http://cityofharveyil.gov">cityofharveyil.gov</a>	708-210-5300
Harwood Heights	C&S	<a href="http://harwoodheights.org">harwoodheights.org</a>	708-867-7200
Hazel Crest	S	<a href="http://villageofhazelcrest.org">villageofhazelcrest.org</a>	708-335-9600
Hickory Hills	S	<a href="http://hickoryhillsil.org">hickoryhillsil.org</a>	708-598-4800
Hillside	S	<a href="http://hillside-il.org">hillside-il.org</a>	708-449-6450
Hinsdale	S	<a href="http://villageofhinsdale.org">villageofhinsdale.org</a>	630-789-7000
Hodgkins	S	<a href="http://villageofhodgkins.org">villageofhodgkins.org</a>	708-579-6700
Hoffman Estates	S	<a href="http://hoffmanestates.org">hoffmanestates.org</a>	847-882-9100
Hometown	C	<a href="http://cityofhometown.org">cityofhometown.org</a>	708-424-7500
Homewood	S	<a href="http://village.homewood.il.us">village.homewood.il.us</a>	708-798-3000
Indian Head Park	S	<a href="http://indianheadpark-il.gov">indianheadpark-il.gov</a>	708-246-3080
Inverness	S	<a href="http://inverness-il.gov">inverness-il.gov</a>	847-358-7740
Justice	S	<a href="http://villageofjustice.org">villageofjustice.org</a>	708-458-2520
Kenilworth	C&S	<a href="http://vok.org">vok.org</a>	847-251-1666
LaGrange	C&S	<a href="http://villageoflagrange.com">villageoflagrange.com</a>	708-579-2300
LaGrange Park	C&S	<a href="http://lagrangepark.org">lagrangepark.org</a>	708-354-0225
Lansing	C&S	<a href="http://villageoflansing.org">villageoflansing.org</a>	708-895-7200
Lemont	C&S	<a href="http://lemont.il.us">lemont.il.us</a>	630-257-1550
Lincolnwood	C	<a href="http://lincolnwoodil.org">lincolnwoodil.org</a>	847-673-1540
Lynwood	S	<a href="http://lynwoodil.us">lynwoodil.us</a>	708-758-6101
Lyons	C	<a href="http://villageoflyons-il.net">villageoflyons-il.net</a>	708-442-4500
Markham	C&S	<a href="http://cityofmarkham.net">cityofmarkham.net</a>	708-331-4905
Matteson	S	<a href="http://villageofmatteson.org">villageofmatteson.org</a>	708-283-4900
Maywood	C	<a href="http://maywood-il.gov">maywood-il.gov</a>	708-450-6300
McCook	S	<a href="http://villageofmccook.org">villageofmccook.org</a>	708-447-9030
Melrose Park	C&S	<a href="http://melrosepark.org">melrosepark.org</a>	708-343-4000
Merrionette Park	S	<a href="http://merrionettepark.org">merrionettepark.org</a>	708-396-3183
Midlothian	S	<a href="http://villageofmidlothian.net">villageofmidlothian.net</a>	708-389-0200
Morton Grove	C&S	<a href="http://mortongroveil.org">mortongroveil.org</a>	847-965-4100
Mount Prospect	C&S	<a href="http://mountprospect.org">mountprospect.org</a>	847-392-6000
Niles	C&S	<a href="http://vniles.com">vniles.com</a>	847-588-8000
Norridge	C&S	<a href="http://villageofnorridge.com">villageofnorridge.com</a>	708-453-0880
North Riverside	C&S	<a href="http://northriverside-il.org">northriverside-il.org</a>	708-447-4211
Northbrook	S	<a href="http://northbrook.il.us">northbrook.il.us</a>	847-272-5050
Northfield	S	<a href="http://northfieldil.org">northfieldil.org</a>	847-446-9200
Northlake	S	<a href="http://northlakecity.com">northlakecity.com</a>	708-343-8700
Oak Brook	S, D	<a href="http://oak-brook.org">oak-brook.org</a>	630-368-5000
Oak Forest	S	<a href="http://oak-forest.org">oak-forest.org</a>	708-687-4050
Oak Lawn	S	<a href="http://oaklawn-il.gov">oaklawn-il.gov</a>	708-636-4400
Oak Park	C	<a href="http://oak-park.us">oak-park.us</a>	708-358-5700

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Type Of System</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Olympia Fields	S	<a href="http://olympia-fields.com">olympia-fields.com</a>	708-503-8000
Orland Hills	S	<a href="http://orlandhills.org">orlandhills.org</a>	708-349-6666
Orland Park	S	<a href="http://orlandpark.org">orlandpark.org</a>	708-403-6100
Palatine	S	<a href="http://palatine.il.us">palatine.il.us</a>	847-358-7500
Palos Heights	S	<a href="http://palosheights.org">palosheights.org</a>	708-361-1800
Palos Hills	S	<a href="http://paloshillsweb.org">paloshillsweb.org</a>	708-598-3400
Palos Park	S	<a href="http://palospark.org">palospark.org</a>	708-671-3700
Park Forest	S, D	<a href="http://villageofparkforest.com">villageofparkforest.com</a>	708-748-1112
Park Ridge	C&S	<a href="http://parkridge.us">parkridge.us</a>	847-318-5200
Phoenix	C	<a href="http://villageofphoenix.com">villageofphoenix.com</a>	708-331-2636
Posen	C	<a href="http://villageofposen.org">villageofposen.org</a>	708-385-0139
Prospect Heights	S	<a href="http://prospect-heights.il.us">prospect-heights.il.us</a>	847-398-6070
Richton Park	S	<a href="http://richtonpark.org">richtonpark.org</a>	708-481-8950
River Forest	C	<a href="http://vrf.us">vrf.us</a>	708-366-8500
River Grove	C&S	<a href="http://rivergroveil.gov">rivergroveil.gov</a>	708-453-8000
Riverdale	C&S	<a href="http://villageofriverdale.net">villageofriverdale.net</a>	708-841-2200
Riverside	C	<a href="http://riverside.il.us">riverside.il.us</a>	708-447-2700
Robbins	S	<a href="http://robbins-il.com">robbins-il.com</a>	708-385-8940
Rolling Meadows	S	<a href="http://cityrm.org">cityrm.org</a>	847-394-8500
Roselle	S	<a href="http://roselle.il.us">roselle.il.us</a>	630-980-2000
Rosemont	S	<a href="http://rosemont.com">rosemont.com</a>	847-825-4404
Sauk Village	S	<a href="http://saukvillage.org">saukvillage.org</a>	708-758-3330
Schaumburg	S	<a href="http://villageofschaumburg.com">villageofschaumburg.com</a>	847-895-4500
Schiller Park	C&S	<a href="http://villageofschillerpark.com">villageofschillerpark.com</a>	847-678-2550
Skokie	C	<a href="http://skokie.org">skokie.org</a>	847-673-0500
South Barrington	S	<a href="http://southbarrington.org">southbarrington.org</a>	847-381-7510
South Chicago Heights	S, D	<a href="http://southchicagoheights.com">southchicagoheights.com</a>	708-755-1880
South Holland	C&S	<a href="http://southholland.org">southholland.org</a>	708-210-2900
Steger	S, D	<a href="http://villageofsteger.org">villageofsteger.org</a>	708-754-3395
Stickney	C	<a href="http://villageofstickney.com">villageofstickney.com</a>	708-749-4400
Stone Park	S	<a href="http://vosp.us">vosp.us</a>	708-345-5550
Streamwood	S	<a href="http://streamwood.org">streamwood.org</a>	630-736-3800
Summit	C	<a href="http://summit-il.org">summit-il.org</a>	708-563-4800
Thornton	S	<a href="http://thorntonil.us">thorntonil.us</a>	708-877-4456
Tinley Park	S	<a href="http://tinleypark.org">tinleypark.org</a>	708-444-5000
University Park	S, D	<a href="http://university-park-il.com">university-park-il.com</a>	708-534-6451
Westchester	S	<a href="http://westchester-il.org">westchester-il.org</a>	708-345-0020
Western Springs	C&S	<a href="http://wsprings.com">wsprings.com</a>	708-246-1800
Wheeling	S	<a href="http://wheelingil.gov">wheelingil.gov</a>	847-459-2600
Willow Springs	S	<a href="http://willowsprings-il.gov">willowsprings-il.gov</a>	708-467-3700
Wilmette	C&S	<a href="http://wilmette.gov">wilmette.gov</a>	847-251-2700
Winnetka	S	<a href="http://villageofwinnetka.org">villageofwinnetka.org</a>	847-501-6000
Worth	S	<a href="http://villageofworth.com">villageofworth.com</a>	708-448-1181

## Additional Resources

Local, state, and federal agencies operating in or around Cook County that offer resources to people impacted by flooding.

### FEDERAL RESOURCES

<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</b>	Provides guidance and resources to help residents prepare for, stay safe during, and recover after floods, including information on floodwater safety, mold cleanup, and preventing illness or injury.	1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) <a href="http://cdc.gov/floods">cdc.gov/floods</a>
<b>Additional CDC Resources</b>	<a href="http://cdc.gov/floods/safety/floodwater-after-a-disaster-or-emergency-safety.html">cdc.gov/floods/safety/floodwater-after-a-disaster-or-emergency-safety.html</a> <a href="http://cdc.gov/floods/about/">cdc.gov/floods/about/</a>	
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</b>	Provides disaster assistance to individuals and businesses, including housing aid, temporary shelter, and repair grants after a federal disaster declaration. Assists with applications for Individual Assistance.	1-800-621-FEMA (3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585 <a href="http://disasterassistance.gov">disasterassistance.gov</a> <a href="http://fema.gov">fema.gov</a>
<b>Additional FEMA Resources</b>	<a href="http://chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/water/supp_info/FEMACleanUp.pdf">chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/water/supp_info/FEMACleanUp.pdf</a>	
<b>Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Disaster Assistance</b>	Offers tax relief for individuals and businesses in federally declared disaster areas, including extended filing deadlines and casualty loss deductions.	1-866-562-5227 <a href="http://irs.gov">irs.gov</a>
<b>National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) – administered by FEMA</b>	Offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and businesses. Assists policyholders with claims and provides information on floodplain management and insurance coverage.	1-877-336-2627 <a href="http://floodsmart.gov">floodsmart.gov</a>
<b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</b>	Supports flood risk management, levee information, and technical assistance during and after flooding events. May assist local governments with sandbagging and flood-fighting measures.	312-846-5330 (Chicago District) <a href="http://usace.army.mil">usace.army.mil</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</b>	May provide housing assistance and recovery funding to communities through Community Development Block Grants – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and related programs.	1-202-708-1112 <a href="http://hud.gov">hud.gov</a>
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b>	Provides information and technical support on safe cleanup of floodwater, mold, drinking water, and environmental hazards after disasters.	1-202-272-0167 (Headquarters) <a href="http://epa.gov/natural-disasters/flooding">epa.gov/natural-disasters/flooding</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Farm Service Agency (FSA)</b>	Provides financial and technical assistance to farmers impacted by floods, including crop loss programs, emergency loans, and conservation assistance.	1-866-466-8176 (Illinois State FSA Office) <a href="http://fsa.usda.gov">fsa.usda.gov</a>

## STATE OF ILLINOIS RESOURCES

<b>Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)</b>	Provides information on health and safety after floods, including mold cleanup, drinking water safety, and sanitation. Offers public health guidance and resources for affected communities.	217-782-4977 (General Information) TTY: 800-547-0466 <a href="http://dph.illinois.gov">dph.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Additional IDPH Resources</b>	<p><a href="http://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/aftertheflood-web.pdf">dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/aftertheflood-web.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/emergency-preparedness-response/flooding/after-flood-cleanup-pamphlet.pdf">dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/emergency-preparedness-response/flooding/after-flood-cleanup-pamphlet.pdf</a></p>	
<b>Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO)</b>	Supports economic recovery for businesses impacted by disasters, including funding opportunities, small business support, and coordination with federal partners.	217-782-7500 (Main) <a href="http://illinois.gov/idceo">illinois.gov/idceo</a>
<b>Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI)</b>	Provides consumer information about flood insurance and guidance on filing claims. Educates residents that standard homeowners or renters insurance does not cover flood damage and offers resources on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	866-445-5364 (Toll-Free Consumer Assistance Line) <a href="http://idoi.illinois.gov">idoi.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)</b>	Manages floodplain regulations, permits, and technical assistance on floodplain mapping and mitigation strategies. Also provides information on the National Flood Insurance Program.	217-782-6302 (Main Office) <a href="http://dnr.illinois.gov">dnr.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)</b>	Provides information and support for transportation infrastructure impacts due to flooding, road closures, and assistance with damage assessments related to public roadways.	217-782-7820 (IDOT Information Line) <a href="http://idot.illinois.gov">idot.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS)</b>	Coordinates statewide emergency management, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. Provides flood safety information, mitigation grant opportunities, and community resources through the Ready Illinois website.	217-782-2700 <a href="http://iemaohs.illinois.gov">iemaohs.illinois.gov</a> <a href="http://ready.illinois.gov">ready.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)</b>	Oversees environmental protection and water quality issues; can assist with cleanup guidance, debris disposal, and potential water contamination concerns following a flood.	217-782-3397 (Main) <a href="http://epa.illinois.gov">epa.illinois.gov</a>
<b>Illinois Finance Authority (IFA)</b>	Offers financial tools and programs that may support businesses and local governments recovering from disaster-related losses.	312-651-1300 (Main) <a href="http://il-fa.com">il-fa.com</a>

## LOCAL / COOK COUNTY & MUNICIPAL RESOURCES

<b>Cook County Department of Emergency Management &amp; Regional Security (EMRS)</b>	Coordinates Cook County's emergency response, including flood issues; helps with local coordination after flooding.	312-603-8180 <a href="http://cookcountyil.gov">cookcountyil.gov</a> Emergency Management & Regional Security.
<b>Cook County Disaster Recovery and Resilience / CDBG-DR</b>	Programs using Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds to help with rebuilding, mitigation, housing recovery.	312-603-1000 for general Cook County info & accommodations like translations. <a href="mailto:Response@cookcountyil.gov">Response@cookcountyil.gov</a> for disaster-recovery email.
<b>North Cook County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b>	Provides information, education and guidance in the conservation and wise use of natural resources within northern Cook County, including assistance in protecting wetlands, lakes and rivers from damage caused by pollution, flooding, erosion and sediment.	224-875-7580 <a href="http://northcookswcd.org">northcookswcd.org</a>

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

<b>American Red Cross, Greater Chicago Chapter</b>	Disaster relief, shelter, emergency food, assistance in filling out claims, emotional support, etc.	1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) (24 hours) Chicago office: (312) 729-6100 <a href="http://redcross.org/local/illinois">redcross.org/local/illinois</a>
<b>Additional Red Cross Resources</b>	<a href="http://redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/20-Red-Cross-Safety-Steps-for-Returning-Home-After-the-Flood.html">redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/20-Red-Cross-Safety-Steps-for-Returning-Home-After-the-Flood.html</a> <a href="http://redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/disaster-cleanup.html">redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/disaster-cleanup.html</a>	
<b>Delta Institute</b>	A Chicago-based nonprofit organization that partners with communities across Illinois to develop nature-based and climate-resilient solutions. Provides technical assistance, planning, and project implementation support for stormwater management, green infrastructure, and watershed restoration.	312-554-0900 <a href="http://delta-institute.org">delta-institute.org</a>
<b>The Salvation Army – Greater Chicagoland / North &amp; Central Illinois Division</b>	Food, shelter, essential supplies, long-term recovery services depending on scale of disaster.	1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769) <a href="http://salvationarmyusa.org">salvationarmyusa.org</a>
<b>United Way / 2-1-1</b>	Information & referral service: can help you locate local resources for food, shelter, clean-up help, legal help after floods.	Dial 211 from inside Cook County or use United Way Chicago website, <a href="http://211metrochicago.org">211metrochicago.org</a>

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

<b>Illinois 988 Suicide &amp; Crisis Lifeline and Cook Crisis Counseling Program</b>	Free 24/7 Cook County mental health support	Call or text 988
<b>Cook County Health Bridge Clinic</b>	Non-crisis care	312-864-4628
<b>The NAMI Chicago Helpline</b>	Helping with local mental health resources, support for trauma and grief	833-NAMI-CHI (626-4244)
<b>211 Metro Chicago</b>	Social services hotline for assistance and referrals	211



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