

MAJOR RISKS...

- Flooding, debris, and mud flows from higher elevations
- Debris blocking ditches and culverts and not allowing water to runoff correctly, which could cause damage to life and property

RISK FACTORS...

Poorly maintained drainages and obstructions on private property are primary contributing factors. Watercourses on private property may not flow year-round, so residents may not be aware of their importance and need for maintenance.

Improper maintenance includes:

- Overgrown vegetation/noxious weeds
- Debris and yard waste in ditch
- Filling or reducing capacity of watercourse
- Installing permanent structures that alter flow (i.e. fences, sheds, etc)
- Not removing debris and sediment from previous flood events

SEE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS TIPS INSIDE...

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POST FIRE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



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THE CONCERN...

Wildfires significantly impact the landscape of areas in Chelan County and increase the risk of flooding and mud flows to lands downstream of burned areas.

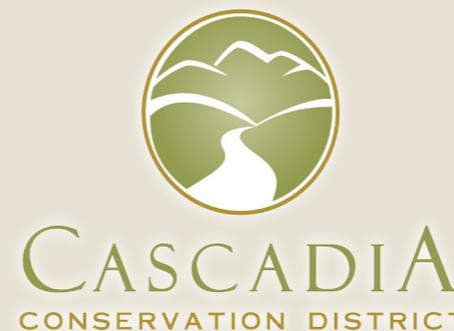
Until vegetation in these areas recovers, little can be done to prevent excess water, debris, and mud flows from coming down and causing potential damage to areas downstream.

However, knowing the risks to your property and taking preventative measures can help prepare you and your family for potential damage.

WHO IS AT RISK?...

- Residents adjacent to and downstream of burned areas
- Landowners of burned areas
- Residents with a watercourse on their property. A watercourse is defined as any channel through which water flows and can be natural or man-made. Watercourses drain the land and may only flow seasonally.

Please note you are receiving this brochure because you have been identified as owning property in a potentially risk-prone area.

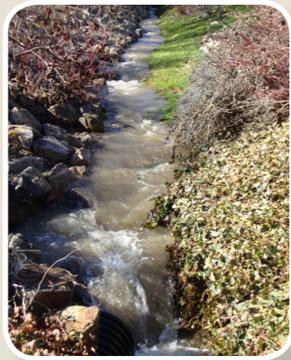


PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS

What Can You Do To Prepare For A Disaster?

KNOW YOUR RISK...

- Be aware of the surrounding land and where potential flood waters would flow
- Survey your land for potential issues, such as clogged culverts and storm drains, and inspect the areas regularly
- Stay aware of changing weather conditions through local TV, radio, and internet
- Localized, intense rain events pose the greatest risk



Unobstructed watercourse

Photo by City of Wenatchee



Obstructed watercourse

Photo by Chelan County Public Works

REDUCE YOUR RISK...

- Inspect, maintain, and clean out watercourses regularly, especially after rain storms
- Do not place debris, fences, or yard waste in a watercourse
- Do not allow livestock in watercourses
- Do not build fences or other structures on, near, or across watercourses
- Remove excess vegetation and control noxious weeds in watercourses
- Dispose of refuse in designated areas only
- Secure loose items around your property (large things that don't normally float will float in flash floods)



Photo by Chelan County Sheriff's Office
Nahahum Canyon mudslide 2012

CREATE A DISASTER PLAN...

- Keep detailed lists of belongings and photos of your property and belongings to file with an insurance claim should you need to. Keep copies somewhere other than your home.
- Keep all valuables in a safe and waterproof place
- Purchase insurance that covers flood damage
- Assemble a disaster kit containing first aid supplies, flashlights and extra batteries, enough food and water for 72 hours and any necessary medications
- Have your family make an emergency evacuation plan that everyone understands and that you practice occasionally

TIPS FOR SURVIVING A FLOOD EVENT...

- You may only have seconds to escape so be prepared to move quickly
- Stay on higher ground and away from watercourses and flood water
- Stay away from downed power lines
- Do not return home until it has been declared safe for reentry
- Be aware of displaced wild animals and pets

RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFO...

- **Central Washington Fire Recovery**
<http://centralwashingtonfirerecovery.info/>
- **National Weather Service**
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- **NOAA Weather Radio**
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr>
- **Inland Northwest Region Red Cross Emergency Preparedness**
<http://www.inwredcross.org>
- **Chelan County Sheriff's Office Dept of Emergency Management**
<http://chelandem.org>

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