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Weather Predictions Prompt Warning of Additional Street Flooding Potential

Dubuque, Iowa — Based on weather predictions of severe storms and additional heavy rains today and tonight, the City of Dubuque is warning residents to prepare for hazardous conditions this afternoon and overnight.

Recent rainfall has saturated the ground in Dubuque and additional rains are likely to produce significant run-off and additional street flooding. Residents in areas prone to street flooding are encouraged to remove vehicles from those areas before the rain begins. Specific areas of concern in Dubuque include Kaufmann Avenue, West Locust Street, 17th Street, and 22nd Street.

The volume and velocity of stormwater can displace manhole covers and create dangerous conditions not only on some streets, but nearby sidewalks as well. Residents are advised to never attempt to walk in flooded streets and to keep children and pets away from flooded streets due to the risk of being swept away and pulled into stormwater intakes. Additionally, residents should not attempt to drive through flooded streets. Cars can easily become inoperable in these conditions and be swept away by as little as six inches of running water, endangering vehicle occupants and emergency responders who attempt rescues.

Please remain “weather aware” and share this information with others who may not have received it.

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