**March 10-16 is Virginia Flood Awareness Week.   
Prepare now for springtime flooding and the 2024 hurricane season.**

The purpose of Virginia Flood Awareness Week is to educate the public   
about flood risk and to promote the need for flood insurance.



* Flooding is the most common and costly natural hazard.
* Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. People living in low-lying areas, near water or downstream from a dam are at particular risk.
* The Virginia Flood Risk Information System is an online tool Virginians can use to learn about their flood risk — [www.dcr.virginia.gov/vfris](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/vfris).
* One inch of water in a home can cause $25,000 in damage.
* Standard homeowners and renters insurance policies do not cover damage from floods.
* Flood insurance can mean the difference between recovery and financial devastation.
* A new flood insurance policy takes 30 days to go into effect. It’s important to purchase coverage well in advance of a disaster.

[Community Name] participates in the   
National Flood Insurance Program.   
That means all residents are eligible for flood insurance,   
even if they don’t live in a high-risk flood zone.

Contact an insurance agent or visit FloodSmart.gov for details.

[www.dcr.virginia.gov/floodawarenessweek](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/floodawarenessweek)

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