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Dear Fruit Heights City Residents,

With warm temperatures being forecast over the next several days, concerns are now shifting from snow removal to flood prevention. The city is asking that all residents be vigilant in watching and monitoring the snowmelt around homes and within your neighborhoods as there is potential for higher than normal amounts of surface and ground water to be generated due to the melting snow. The topography in Fruit Heights is such that water will run from higher areas toward lower areas of neighborhoods and homes. As homeowners, the city is asking that you work together to channel water away from houses and out to the nearest public street, detention basin, or drainage system. Sandbags and sand are available through Fruit Heights City if you are in need of some. To help prevent basement flooding, here are a few tips and recommendations to help control surface and ground water to prevent flooding.

- Check all rain gutters and downspouts to ensure that they are draining properly and that down spouts are piped away from the home's foundation a minimum of 10 feet.
- Check all window wells to make sure that they are free from debris, leaves, and vegetation so that water drains properly out of them.
- Place sandbags around the lower areas of your home such as window wells, and along the top of walkout basement stairs.
- If your driveway slopes down into your garage/home, have sandbags available to keep water running down the curb and not down your driveway.
- If your home is equipped with a sump pump for ground water, make sure that it is functioning properly. It is also recommended that you have a sump pump available in case it's needed to pump water out of your window wells and/or walkout basements.
- If there is a storm water drain box in front of your home, please help the city by making sure that it is open so that water from the curb can flow into it.

As temperatures continue to warm, Fruit Heights City and Davis County Flood Control will closely monitor the conditions of the creeks and streams that run through our city. We are expecting that they will be running extremely high and that there will be localized flooding along the stream channels. Please stay away from these areas and contact Fruit Heights City if there appears to be problems or concerns. If there is a need to act quickly to prevent flooding, the City will be reaching out to all residents through the Citizen Corps Council, CERT, Ecclesiastical and Religious Organizations, social media, and the City website requesting your help in organizing neighborhood groups to help fill and place sandbags in areas where needed.

We appreciate everyone's help, cooperation, patience, and vigilance over the next several weeks as we monitor the situation and work together to protect homes and neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Brandon Green

Brandon Green, City Manager