

City Advises Residents to Remain Vigilant as Temperatures Rise

City officials are requesting that Ithaca residents remain vigilant and be alert for signs of flooding over the next few weeks as temperatures fluctuate dramatically. The National Weather Service has advised that temperatures will rise over the next two days creating snow melt and the area could receive up to .75 inches of rain. Temperatures are expected to drop below freezing next week for an extended period.

City staff is monitoring weather patterns and ice levels in the creeks closely. We're asking residents who live near the creeks to check their basements regularly and alert the City to any signs of flooding by contacting the Department of Public Works at [\(607\) 272-1718](tel:6072721718) / After-hours Emergency number is [\(607\) 273-4680](tel:6072734680).

Reminder for residents who live close to the creeks:

- Monitor local weather conditions closely
- Make sure valuable items are removed from basement floors
- Check your sump-pump regularly and make sure it is operational
- Make sure that the discharge from your sump-pump is directed away from your home, and into the storm sewer if possible. Care should be taken because the combination of water and severe cold can produce significant ice on the streets and sidewalks.
- Alert the City to any signs of flooding.

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