



NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

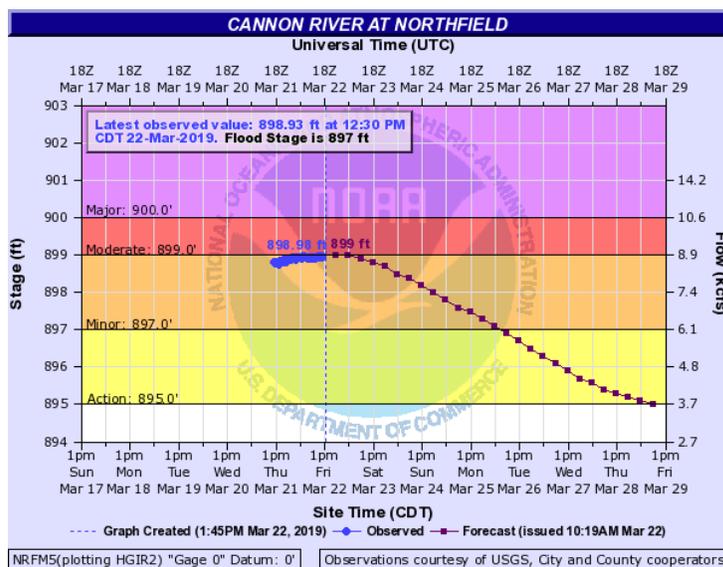
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PRESS RELEASE Pending/Spring Flood Risks – Flood Prone Property Preparedness March 22, 2019

The NWS has issued/extended a Flood Warning for the Cannon River at Northfield through 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 26. The Cannon River has continued to slowly rise, and is expected to go above the 899' mark in the next several days. NWS expects the river level to then fall slowly through the week. Weather has been very favorable, reducing the rate of rise and improving the river level forecast for next week. See details below.



According to the NWS, fall ground water conditions, heavy snow amounts, and other factors create a 60% chance the Cannon River in Northfield will reach Major Flood Stage this Spring. Numerous factors will affect flood risks including temperatures, rate of thaw, rainfall amounts and other influences. The river level is expected to stay very high through the Spring season, regardless of rain amounts.

Please consider Volunteering to assist those properties that may need help with Flood Protections! Northfield Shares has created links for those who wish to volunteer to help and for those who need assistance.

- Volunteers can sign up to help at the following link: <https://northfieldshares.galaxydigital.com/>
- Businesses and Property Owners requesting assistance with sandbagging/protection measures should contact Northfield Shares by email at: info@northfieldshares.org

The Northfield Police Department asks residents:

- Please stay off and away from all sandbag/protection areas.
- Stay out of areas blocked by Barricades and Police Tape.
- Do not go in or near the river water. The river is flowing very fast and it is dangerous.

The City of Northfield reminds Residents and Property Owners:

- If your home or business is normally threatened/impacted by floodwaters, please consider enacting protective measures now.
- The City has sandbags and sand available for Northfield residents and property owners. Please arrange these requests during business hours: call the Streets Department at 507-645-3045, M-F 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After hours, please call the Police Non-Emergency line at 507-645-4475 with questions.
- Sign up to receive Emergency Alerts via **Everbridge** at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/634/Be-Notified-Of-An-Emergency> Check personal devices and subscriptions used to receive weather alerts to ensure you have the ability to monitor such alerts.
- Numerous resources and information are posted on the Northfield website Home page and Police page, under “Emergency Preparedness Resources”, at the following link <http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=985>

City staff will continue to monitor weather conditions and information from the NWS, plan accordingly, work with partner groups, and disseminate notices as necessary.

If you see dangerous conditions or concerns, please call the Northfield Non-Emergency Number: **507-645-4475**.

Please contact Chief of Police Monte Nelson with any administrative questions, 507-663-9301.