



# NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE Flash Flood Watch - Flood Prone Property Preparedness September 11, 2019

A Flash Flood Watch has been issued for the Cannon River area. Parts of the Cannon River Watershed received heavy rainfall amounts overnight last night. City Staff have been working with the National Weather Service (NWS) to evaluate the rainfall amounts and corresponding effect on river levels in the area. NWS staff have predicted additional heavy rains will fall across our region Wednesday evening through Thursday evening. Depending on the amounts of rain and where it falls, the Cannon River at Northfield could rise quickly to flood stage.

NWS professionals have created the attached graph depicting potential rainfall and resulting possible Cannon River levels in Northfield. NWS is still predicting the Cannon River could peak at approximately 897' on Friday, September 13, 2019. Depending on rainfall, the river could peak even higher. In Northfield, 897' is considered flood stage. If the river reaches that level, some Northfield properties and park areas along the river would be directly affected.

### **Property owners in flood prone areas are urged to evaluate their flood preparedness and monitor weather information and river levels.**

- Please check personal devices and subscriptions used to receive weather alerts to ensure you have the ability to monitor such alerts.
- If your home or business is in the river/flood zone, please make sure you have the materials, resources, and/or contacts necessary to enact protective measures if needed.
- We have posted numerous resources, guidelines, and contact information on the Northfield website home page, under "Emergency Preparedness Resources", at the following link <http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=985>

City personnel will continue to monitor weather and river levels and will disseminate more information as it becomes necessary. Check the City of Northfield website for updates.

\*\*\*\*\*Please see the graph below, on page 2\*\*\*\*\*



**Predictive Graph: Cannon River at Northfield, 4:00 p.m., 09-11-19**

