

Levee Safety



Personal Safety & Public Safety

Do not climb or drive on levees.

Climbing or driving on levees can compromise the levee and diminish their capacity to provide flood protection

Levees are being patrolled, and unauthorized individuals caught on the levees could face criminal charges.

Maintenance

Authorized personnel will perform maintenance throughout this flooding event. Authorized personnel can be identified by their uniforms and will carry credentials.

Levee maintenance includes repairing plastic coverings, reducing and repairing erosion, and pumping water pooled near levees.

Contact info

Those who see unauthorized people or vehicles on levees, see a suspected sand boil, or witness animal activity along the levees are asked to contact the local authorities.

Animal Activity

Burrowing animals that make dens in levees can cause the levee to weaken.

Additionally, deer and household pets, such as dogs, are known to poke holes in protective plastic sheeting, also diminishing the integrity of the structure.

Sand Boils

Sand boils are bubbling water pools found on the dry side of levees during floods. If undetected, sand boils can suck sand away from levees causing the structure to weaken.

With temporary levees, it is common for some water to pool on the inside of the levee. However, if water is seen bubbling from the underside of the levee or water is flowing from the levee structure it could signal a sand boil. The water will be very dirty & full of silt.