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Village Manager's Office

Storm Update

Water levels in the West Fork and Middle Fork of the Chicago River will continue to gradually decrease throughout the day. Storm water is flowing into the reservoirs at a slow rate and most reservoirs still have remaining capacity. River conditions have stabilized and no further widening or flooding is anticipated. Village treatment facilities are operating as intended.

All streets in the Village have been reopened. The public is advised to use caution when traveling in their vehicles, as standing water and debris may still be in the roadway. Public Works will be clearing debris from the roadway throughout the day.

No major weather incidents are predicted for today and no further storm related updates will be issued.

The Village recommends the following steps to minimize health hazards for residents who have experienced flooding in or around their homes:

Safety Issues and Restoration Tips

- Prevent children and pets from playing in or drinking contaminated floodwaters.
- Before re-entering a flooded home or basement, make sure there are no electrical or other safety hazards.
- Pump out standing water and remove all debris.
- Using a household detergent solution, scrub the basement and other areas of the house that have been flooded. Flush the washed areas with clean water.
- Scrub furniture, walls, fixtures and appliances with soap and clean water. Affected clothing and bedding should be machine-washed.
- Use fans and dehumidifiers to help dry out wet spaces.
- Contact a reputable flood restoration company or contractor, if necessary.

Refuse Collection

Soiled carpets and other items for disposal can be placed curbside for next week's regular refuse collection. Carpet and carpet padding should be cut into 4-foot bundles. For further information, please call Waste Management at 800-796-9696.

Storm related questions can be directed to Public Works at 847.317.2490.

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