

LAKEFRONT AND MARINE SAFETY TIPS

Lakefront Safety

- If conditions warrant full or partial closures of the lakefront path and/or beaches, heed the directions of Chicago Park District and/or public safety officials.
- Signage and barricades may be placed along the lakefront for your safety if conditions warrant. Do NOT attempt to navigate around the barricades, as there is a risk individuals may fall or be swept into the water.
- Please visit the Chicago Park District website for closure notices and maps at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/lakefront-map

Marine Safety

- Boaters should be mindful of break wall locations at all times.
- When water levels rise high enough to cover the walls, you may be at risk of serious injury and vessel damage.
- Signage and alerts will be issued to advise boaters if conditions on Lake Michigan pose a threat of covering the walls.



**EXTREME
WEATHER**

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**FLOODING  
PREPAREDNESS**



The City of Chicago and its partners are working to mitigate flooding impacts to residents by reinforcing vulnerable lakefront areas, designating hazardous lake and lakefront locations and pursuing hazard mitigation grants.

The following information may assist homeowners, renters and businesses that may be impacted by high lake or river levels.

## TIPS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

- **Protect Your Property:** Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery. Seek assistance from reputable engineering firms to develop structural options to protect your property from high lake levels and storm damage. Contact the US Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District at (312) 846-5530 or [ChicagoRequests@usace.army.mil](mailto:ChicagoRequests@usace.army.mil) for more information.
- **Purchase or Renew Flood Insurance:** Having insurance for your property is the best way to ensure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild, or replace whatever is damaged. Visit FEMA's [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) site for more information.
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for NotifyChicago at [www.notifychicago.org](http://www.notifychicago.org) to receive up to date information on extreme weather emergencies.
- **Be Prepared:** Keep emergency supplies and a check list of items needed for your family members and pets in case you must leave immediately, or if services are cut off.



- **Safety First:** If your property floods, do not step in floodwater. If you smell natural gas, leave immediately. Do not operate gas or electric appliances. Call the Peoples Gas 24-hour gas emergency number at 866-556-6002 from your mobile phone or a neighbor's home to turn off your gas.
- **Dry Up:** Following a flood, drain the area using a gasoline-powered water pump located outside your home, or an electric pump connected to an outside line.
- **Check It Out:** Hire a qualified contractor to inspect appliances such as gas furnaces, water heaters and dryers to determine if they are still safe to use.
- **Report It To 3-1-1:** City Services requests can be submitted by calling 3-1-1, visiting [311.Chicago.gov](http://311.Chicago.gov) and on the Chi 311 Mobile App.

