

Messiah University
Campus Flooding Policy and Procedure
June 2026

Policy: It is the policy of Messiah University to manage issues that are related to flooding in a responsive, proactive way to minimize damage and provide a safe environment for students, employees and visitors.

Objectives: To manage campus safety as it relates to issues around flooding.

Definitions:

Flash Flood – A sudden and destructive rush of water down a narrow gully or over a sloping surface caused by heavy rainfall.

Flood Warning/Flood Watch – In the US, the National Weather Service issues Flood Watches and Warnings for large-scale, gradual river flooding. Watches are issued when flooding is possible or expected within 12 - 48 hours. Warnings are issued when flooding over a large area or river flooding is imminent or occurring. Both can be issued on a county by county basis or for specific rivers or points along a river. When rapid flooding from heavy rain or a dam failure is expected, Flash Flood Watches and Warnings are issued.

Procedure: If a Flash Flood Warning, Flash Flood Watch, Flood Watch or Flood Warning is issued the following actions should be taken:

Responsibility:

Facility Services:

- | <u>Step</u> | <u>Action –</u> |
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| 1. | Inspect all water inlets on campus and remove any debris (or snow or ice) that could cause a blockage. |
| 2. | Move several of the service vehicles from the Lenhart parking lot up to the Main Campus Visitor parking lot. |
| 3. | Inspect buildings in low laying areas for any water diversion that may be necessary. Diversions must not block any exit doors. |
| 4. | Assist in any water cleanup that may be necessary during and after a flooding event. Care should be taken in such clean-up as water may be contaminated with sewer, etc. Proper PPE should be worn, which may include rubber boots, gloves, etc. depending on depth of water. |
| 5. | Any indoor area that has been flooded is to be cleaned and treated with a microbiological cleaner (Super HDQ Neutral) to prevent mold growth. After initial cleanup, dehumidifiers are to be placed in any inside area that has flooded. |
| 6. | The evacuation/relocation of students in areas that have been flooded will be decided by the University Crisis team. |
| 7. | The decision to evacuate buildings will be the responsibility of the VP for Operations, with consultation with the Crisis Team. |
| 8. | If outside contractor help is needed, one of the following companies should be called:

Mold Testing/Indoor Air Quality Testing: ACIA 717-767-1850. After hours emergencies: 717-542-9683

Primary Assistance with cleanup: BluSky Restoration: 800-266-5677

Primary Assistance with cleanup: Paul Davis Restoration: 717-291-6000. After hours emergencies: 855-247-3650

Assistance with emergency excavation or water diversion: Kinsley: Thom Conley 717-324-2300 or Jim Sheaffer 717-324-2976 or BR Kreider: 717-898-7651 |
| 9. | Water grates should be checked prior to a potential storm, when there is a good indication that flooding could occur. |

Safety:

1. Ensure that all building occupants in the Mill House have vacated the property. Place a notice on the door that no one should enter until the emergency is over.
2. If road closures are necessary, place cones or other road barricades at the affected areas. This is to be completed without approval from anyone, however, communication to the Vice President for Operations is needed. If the VP for Operations is not available, contact the Director of Safety and the Director of Facility Services.
3. Place barricades at the Swinging Bridge, the south entrance of the Fit Trail (at the Covered Bridge) and at the Fit Trail entrance (at the Upper Allen Sewer Plant).
4. Assure that all low lying buildings are being frequently checked for water.
5. Coordinate procedure with getting vehicles moved from Starry Field.
 - a. The Crisis Team should issue a text that states, "All vehicles in Starry Field must be moved immediately due to flooding potential."
 - b. If owners cannot be contacted because vehicles are not registered and if time permits, Safety Personnel will attempt to run plates through JNET to determine possible owners.
 - c. If owners still are not able to be reached, the Safety Supervisor on call can authorize a tow company to be called and the vehicles towed to a safe location.
 - d. Towing company phone list

AAA	717-506-1907
C&C Towing	717-212-2427
6. Have pre-made signs that can be placed at cones, etc. indicating "Flooding Ahead - Stay Away".
7. If flooding occurs on a weekend, water grates should be checked prior to a potential storm, when there is a good indication that flooding could occur.
8. If after hours, keep the Safety supervisor on call notified of current conditions and preventative measures taken.
9. Coordinate the moving of Fleet vehicles if they are parked in a location that is easily flooded. A key to the fleet lock boxes is located in the lock box at Greenbriar.
10. Follow the "call in" procedure for flood emergencies. (See Attachment A)
11. If a building incurs flood damage, label it 'no access' and no one is permitted to re-enter until it is deemed to be safe.

Note - The signed copy of this procedure is filed in the Facility Service Department. By signing this policy you have agreed to enforce the contents, share with your staff and adhere to standards.

Attachment A

FLASH FLOOD CALL-IN PROCEDURES

Please follow the phone chain to reach all full time removal crews.

Mark Graybill 717-433-5583
Russ Ehrich 717-319-6846
Brian Miller 717-357-0702
Joe Shughart 717-585-8917
George Ringer 717-608-8998
Stoney Miller 717-979-3849
Jarrod Sites 717-226-4435
Jason Vorwald 717-790-1588

Joe Shughart 717-585-8917
Carlo Cisney 717-677-4369
Randy Miller 717-594-8422
Artie Palese 717-319-5175
Omar Vasquez 717-307-5325

Russ Ehrich 717-319-6846
Kraig Barraclough 717-658-3299
Jeremy Crumlich 717-462-7048
Patrick Groft 717-932-0691
Chuck Hill 717-919-7870
Dave Wagner 717-460-5009

Jarrod Sites 717-226-4435
Jason Eckenrode 717-752-4612
Kelly Flemmens 717-428-2266
Travis Rogers 717-756-9282
Brian Smith 717-701-5469
Amy Stephan 717-695-1666
Abdul Zahir 717-286-7019

**Brian Miller, Facilities Director
717-357-0702**

**Kathie Shafer, Vice President for Operations
717-979-2538**

**Maranda Hogue, Director of Safety
570-336-9398**

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Director of Facility Services	Electronically signed by Brian Miller on 05/27/2026 3:46:41 PM
Facilities Manager	Electronically signed by jarrod sites on 05/26/2026 9:50:56 AM
Project Manager	Electronically signed by Russ Ehrich on 05/21/2026 2:09:33 PM
Health & Wellness Coordinator	Electronically signed by Jennifer Smithmyer on 05/28/2026 8:38:20 AM
Director of Safety	Electronically signed by Maranda Hogue on 06/03/2026 5:06:17 PM