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This spring, rivers may overflow their banks.

GET FLOOD INSURANCE



April showers bring an increased chance of flooding. With warmer weather on its way, make sure your home is financially protected. Don't wait. Visit FloodSmart.gov today.

Did you know that warmer spring temperatures can increase risk of floods? This is because the frozen ground cannot absorb melting snow or spring rain. Make sure you financially protect the life you've built with flood insurance. Visit FloodSmart.gov today. #SpringFlood #Snowmelt #FloodInsurance



RIPARIAN AREA

Clean Water News

Cottage Grove Public Works & Development Department
 Update for Riparian Corridor Neighbors



SPRING ADDITION

MARCH, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 28, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM

APRIL 1, 2022
Thinking Money for Kids exhibit

Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Coiner Park.

The Urban Forestry Committee is organizing a tree giveaway to City of Cottage Grove residents.



Spring is coming, and with it, rain and possible floods

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Failing to evacuate flooded areas or entering flood waters can lead to injury or death.

Floods may:

- Result from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surges and overflows of dams and other water systems.
- Develop slowly or quickly. Flash floods can come with no warning. Cause outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings and create landslides.

If you are under a flood warning:

- Find safe shelter right away.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. **Turn Around, Don't Drown!**
- Remember, just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- Depending on the type of flooding:
- Evacuate if told to do so.
- Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
- Stay where you are.



BE PREPARED!

As we enter winter flood season, it is important to consider how you can best prepare for potential flood events.

#1 Know your flood risk.

#2 Prepare your property for cold/wet weather.

#3 Get flood insurance.



REMEMBER!

There is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so call your insurance agent now



Spring Flood Risk: Are You Ready?

Snowmelt may not be a significant concern this year, but severe storms and heavy spring rainfall could still cause flooding in the months ahead. Now is the time to prepare.

Ensure you're flood insured. A flood insurance policy could protect you from the devastating out-of-pocket expenses caused by flooding. **Don't wait until it's too late.** A policy takes 30 days to go into effect from application and payment. A typical homeowner's insurance policy does not cover floods.

Conduct a household inventory. Be sure to keep a record of all major household items and valuables. These documents are important when filing insurance claims.

Protect important financial documents. Store copies of irreplaceable documents (such as birth certificates, passports, etc.) in a safe, dry place. Keep originals in a safe deposit box.

Build an emergency supply kit. Food, bottled water, first aid supplies, medicines, and a battery-operated radio should be ready to go when you are.

Plan for evacuation. Plan and practice a flood evacuation route. Ask someone out of state to be your "family contact" in an emergency, and make sure everyone in your family knows the contact's address and phone number.

Spring brings flowers.
It can also bring floods.



Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) is Hiring!

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) has a natural resources focus that includes habitat restoration, education, stewardship, and monitoring. The Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) serves multiple purposes and provides education and youth workforce development through a variety of environmental stewardship efforts that lead to habitat restoration or enhancement.

CFWWC is committed to providing a well-rounded program that ensures the YCC works on a variety of lands (ie private, public, and industry owned). There are several different ways to manage, restore, protect, and enhance lands in our region. It is important to provide the opportunity to share the different methods and reasoning behind land management decisions. These decisions are often complicated and dictated by different laws and objectives based on ownership type. Providing the ability and flexibility to work on private, municipal and industry owned lands provide an exponential lift in habitat restoration and fuels reduction efforts in our region and a better understanding of the complexity of land managers that would not be otherwise possible.

CFWWC has worked closely with partners, including the City of Cottage Grove, to create and evolve this program to serve the ever changing needs of our community. The program began in 2017 as a collaboration between CFWWC and US Forest Service after recognizing that there was not only a lack of jobs for local youth in our area but also a lack of career training and networking opportunities.

The pilot year ran in the summer of 2018 with only the two partners. Lessons learned revealed including additional partners would make the program more robust, impactful, and provide more opportunities for additional youth. US Army Corps of Engineers joined as a program partner in 2019 and the City of Cottage Grove and Weyerhaeuser joined in 2020. In the summer of 2021, CDE joined as a program partner to help educate our youth by providing a foundational multi-day training on diversity, equity and inclusion.

The 2022 season is quickly up on us. The application period for this summers crew will begin March 15, 2022 and close April 15, 2022. Additional information including details on how to apply can be found at : <https://www.coastfork.org/events/join-our-team/>.

