



## 2023 Spring Water Run-Off Information

### What is Santaquin City doing?

Santaquin City along with the flood committee members are carefully watching our beautiful snow-covered mountains above the City. As you may know, we have received record-breaking snowpack that has accumulated over the winter. We anticipate that spring run-off will be extreme. City staff and flood committee members are diligently preparing for possible rain and run-off water. City crews have been identifying potential threats and possible flooding areas. We have also been tracking all available information and will continue to identify potential critical areas of concern.

The City has several thousand unfilled sandbags that can be made available to residents. The City will also provide the sand to fill the bags. However, residents will be responsible to fill the empty sandbags on their own. If you have concerns about flooding in your area and feel like some sandbags would be beneficial for your use, sandbags are available for free for you to pick up, fill with sand, and utilize on private property. When any sandbags that were picked up are no longer needed, individuals are responsible to dispose of them. The City will not deliver sandbags to, or pick up sandbags from, private property.

Additionally, we have many more sandbags (filled and unfilled) that will be utilized by City crews where and as needed throughout the City to help protect our great community.

City crews have been working diligently to clean and clear culverts, ditches, drainage channels, and other systems to make way for the water that will be flowing high.

We are all hoping for the very best conditions with a tempered and moderated period of warmer weather followed by cooler spells to help the run-off water come off the mountain in a manageable fashion.

As always, no one can guarantee that flooding will not occur. But we want you to know that we, as the City and the flood committee, are making all preparations we possibly can to help prevent flooding.

## What can residents do?

Residents can do the following to help prepare for rain and run-off from melting snow:

- Rake and sweep leaves, grasses, etc. from your yard and discard these by composting or placing them in the trash. This will help to keep those same leaves from possibly clogging up City storm drain systems.
- Keep gutters and City streets free from leaves and debris. Even if leaves and debris did not originate from your yard, please consider scooping them up and discarding them. Leaves and debris can and will travel downstream and plug inlets and the City's storm drain systems.
- Keep storm drain inlets free from obstructions. Similar to gutters, if you notice a lot of leaves and or debris on a storm drain inlet, please take a rake or a shovel and clear the inlet. We are all part of this great community. Your vigilant efforts could help you and your neighbors.
- Evaluate your home landscaping and concrete slopes. Ask yourself, where does water usually/naturally flow around your home? If you have storm water that flows toward your home, window wells, stairs, etc., consider improvements to direct water away from your home.
- If you have a ditch, canal, or culvert on or adjacent to your property, clean the conveyance channel from sticks, leaves, trash, debris, etc. If there have been modifications made, including fill dirt, pipes, bridges, or landscaping, please restore the conveyance channel to its original condition. It can be tempting when you don't traditionally see water flowing in these channels to modify pipes, channels, etc. But it is absolutely necessary to keep the channel clear and free flowing.
- Avoid parking vehicles with tires in the gutter lines. This may block water flow and could cause debris to pile up and clog City drainage systems.
- Remove any curb ramps or obstructions in the gutter that could cause water to back up or debris to pile up.
- Please call the City office if you see an issue with flooding or if there is something you are not able to take care of on your own.

Thank you, for all you do, for our Great City!

Mayor Olson