

## CITY CONNECTIONS

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### Stay Safe

Some parts of Transylvania County are covered in two feet of snow. Not just snow, but heavy, wet, high-moisture content snow. As we look to the days and weeks ahead, any potential rain events can turn into much more than what is predicted. Heavy rains melting large amounts of snow in a short period of time is a recipe for flooding.

### Flood Safety

There are several things you can do to help ensure your safety during a flooding event:

- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Never drive around barricades.
- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. It only takes 6 inches of water to knock over a person, and only 12 inches to carry away a car. *Turn Around. Don't Drown!*
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water. Fast-moving water can wash bridges away without warning.
- If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, then stay inside. If water is rising inside the vehicle, then seek refuge on the roof.
- If trapped in a building, go to its highest level. Do not climb into a closed attic; you may become trapped by rising floodwater. Go on the roof only if necessary. Once there, signal for help.

Please call the Floodplain Administrator in the Brevard Planning Department at (828) 885-5630 if you have questions about flood zones, and visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to learn how to prepare your household for hurricanes and floods.

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