

CITY CONNECTIONS

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Flood Safety

You may have experienced flooded roadways over the last few days. Do not drive through flood waters, even if they are only a couple inches deep! It only takes about six inches of water to carry a vehicle off the road.



Special Flood Hazard Area: Transylvania County and the City of Brevard is one of the wettest places in the United States. Only the Pacific Northwest annually averages more precipitation. Living in such a beautiful area surrounded by mountains increases the risks of flooding, which can be extremely hazardous if certain precautions are not taken. Learning about Special Flood Hazard Areas is the best way to help determine your risk of flooding and help to protect your assets.

Floodplain Development: The City has regulations that minimize the impact of new development in Special Flood Hazard Areas. These regulations require special permitting through the Planning Department. For example, new residential structures, including small projects like decks, gazebos or even HVAC platforms located in the Special Flood Hazard Area must be elevated two feet above base flood elevation. Commercial buildings and accessory structures must also be elevated or flood-proofed. The City regulates the placement of fill in floodplains and requires storm water control in order to protect property owners from flooding.

Please call the Floodplain Administrator in the Brevard Planning Department at (828) 885-5630 with any questions.

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