

Severe Weather Alert

Monday, 13 November 2017

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Please find a severe weather alert issued by the South African Weather Service. Status Watch

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Hazard:Â Flooding

Alert level: Watch

Valid from (SAST): 14/11/2017 12h00

Valid to (SAST): 15/11/2017 00h00

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Expected along the coastal areas of the Eden district and eastern parts of the Overberg from tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) into Wednesday morning.

Description: Flooding / Heavy Rain

Flooding occurs when water overflows its normal channels such as streams and storm water drains. It can occur with prolonged period of rain, with continuous heavy falls or in the form of flash floods which are usually associated with severe thunderstorms. Heavy rain may also result in river flooding, causing damage downstream to areas that may receive no rainfall at all during the flooding event.

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Precautions: Flooding / Heavy Rain

If possible stay indoors and off the roads, avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above your ankles. If

trapped in flooding in a vehicle, abandon it and climb to higher ground. In buildings, move valuables to a safe place above the expected flood level. Switch off electricity at the supply point to the building.

In rural areas, protect/relocate animals to a safe place on higher ground. Abandon your home immediately if evacuation is recommended, before access is cut off by flood water. NEVER drive on a road covered by water. You do not know how deep it is or if the road has been washed away. If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to recognize flood dangers. Listen to the radio or TV for warnings and obey instructions from disaster management officers.

Please report any weather related incidents to the Eden DMC at (044) 805-5071.