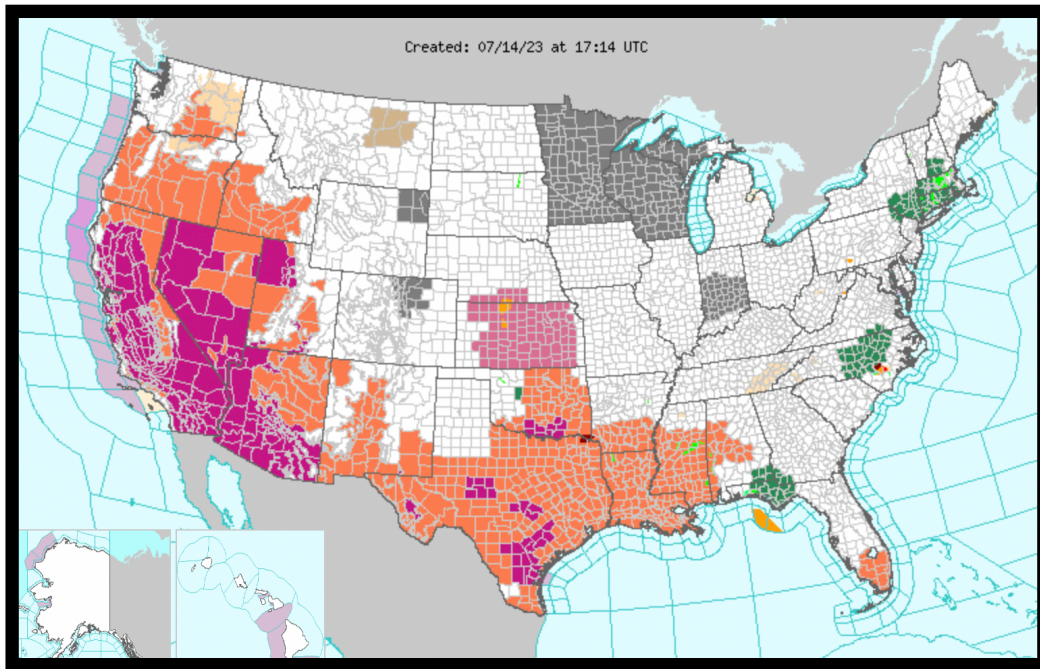


Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



7/14/23 MEMA

Heavy rains may result in localized flooding and rises on rivers and streams in western MA as well as in poor drainage and urban areas. As little as 1-2" of rain in an hour may result in flooding issues due to already saturated ground and swollen rivers.

Some rivers in western MA may approach or exceed flood stage this weekend.

Damaging winds and hail may occur associated with severe thunderstorms. Winds as low as 40 MPH may result in downed trees.

Flooding in Western Mass

Hampden and Hampshire Counties are under a Flood Warning until July 15 at 2am. A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. Sign up for alerts mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts

Selectboard

The next hybrid meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 7pm at the Senior Center. www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Weather

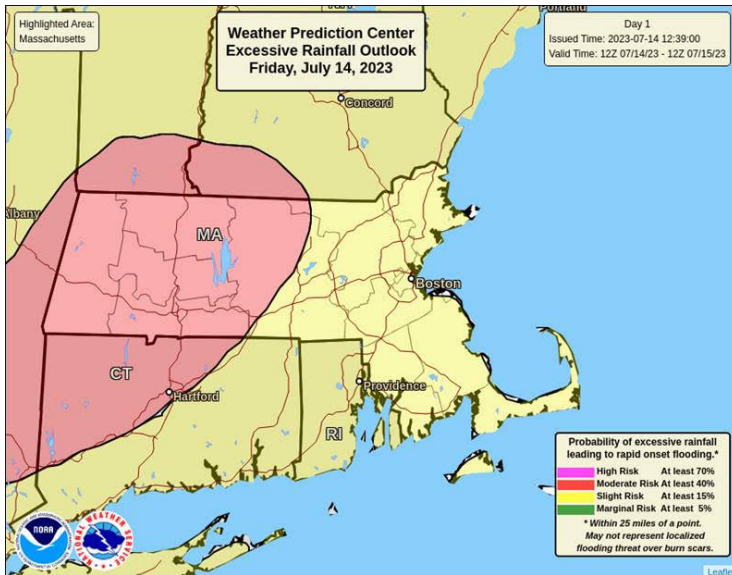
An average of 21% of residential land in MA cities and towns is in a FEMA 100- or 500-year flood plain

Resources

- www.mass.gov/mema
- facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA
- [@MassEMA](https://twitter.com/MassEMA)
- www.fema.gov
- www.weather.gov
- www.mass211.org



WHAT TO DO DURING A FLOOD



Stay Informed: Listen to radio and television, including NOAA Weather Radio if possible, check the Internet and social media for information and updates.

Get to higher ground: If you live in a flood prone area or are camping in a low lying area, get to higher ground immediately.

Obey Evacuation orders: If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Lock your home when you leave. If you have time, disconnect utilities and appliances

Practice Electrical Safety: Don't go into a basement, or any room, if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. If you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises--get out! Stay out of water that may have electricity in it!

Avoid Flood Waters: Don't walk through flood waters. It only takes 6 inches of moving water to knock you off your feet. If you are trapped by moving water, move to the highest possible point and call 911 if possible. Do NOT drive into flooded roadways or around a barricade; Turn Around, Don't Drown! Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide hazards such as sharp objects, washed out road surfaces, electrical wires, chemicals, etc. A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in seconds 12 inches of water can float a car or small SUV, 18 inches of water can carry away large vehicles.

