



# NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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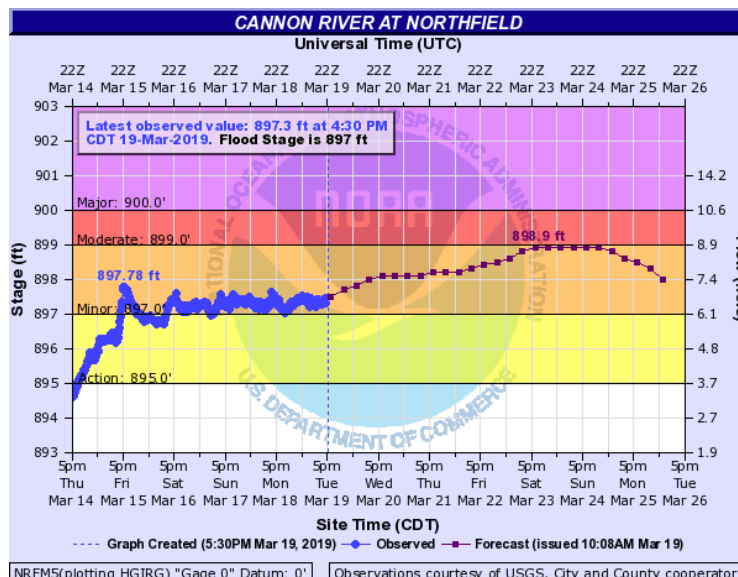
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## PRESS RELEASE Pending/Spring Flood Risks – Flood Prone Property Preparedness March 19, 2019

The City of Northfield and the National Weather Service – Chanhassen (NWS) are urging all Northfield area property owners in flood prone areas to start taking action to protect their property. The NWS has placed the Cannon River at Northfield in an elevated flood risk through the Spring Season.

According to the NWS, fall ground water conditions, heavy snow amounts, and other factors create a 60% chance the Cannon River in Northfield will reach Major Flood Stage this Spring. Numerous factors will affect flood risks including temperatures, rate of thaw, rainfall amounts and other influences. The river level is expected to stay very high through the Spring season, regardless of rain amounts. See the NWS Cannon River Level at Northfield predictive info below.



The NWS uses new software to create these graphs, identify key river levels, and predict expected river levels. This information allows the NWS to issue Flood Warnings and notifications specifically for Northfield. NWS issued several such Flood Warnings for Northfield on March 15 and 16 when the river level reached 897'. The Flood Warnings were sent via the Everbridge Alert system.

### The City of Northfield reminds Residents and Property Owners:

- If your home or business is in the river/flood zone, please consider enacting protective measures now.
  - The City has sandbags and sand available for Northfield residents and property owners. Please arrange these requests during business hours: call the Streets Department at 507-645-3045, M-F 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. After hours, please call the Police Non-Emergency line at 507-645-4475 with questions.
  - Sign up to receive Emergency Alerts via **Everbridge** at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/634/Be-Notified-Of-An-Emergency> Check personal devices and subscriptions used to receive weather alerts to ensure you have the ability to monitor such alerts.
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- Numerous resources and information are posted on the Northfield website Home page and Police page, under “Emergency Preparedness Resources”, at the following link <http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=985>

**Do you want to Help or Need Help?** Northfield Shares has created links for those who wish to volunteer to help and for those who need assistance.

- Volunteers can sign up to help at the following link: <https://northfieldshares.galaxydigital.com/>
- Businesses and Property Owners requesting assistance with sandbagging/protection measures should contact Northfield Shares by email at: [info@northfieldshares.org](mailto:info@northfieldshares.org)

City staff will continue to monitor weather conditions and information from the NWS, plan accordingly, work with partner groups, and disseminate notices as necessary.

Please contact Chief of Police Monte Nelson with any questions, 507-663-9301.