

Storm Dennis – vigilance advised ahead of further severe weather this weekend



Environment Agency teams fitting temporary flood barriers in Hereford at the weekend to help keep people and property safe from flooding.

Heavy, persistent rain on Saturday and Sunday is likely to bring significant river and surface water flooding to parts of the North, South East and South West of England over the weekend and into next week. Current forecasts indicate a heightened risk of flooding in parts of West and North Yorkshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester, Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

The Environment Agency is working with partners across the country to reduce the risk of flooding brought by the severe weather conditions. Preparations are being made to operate flood defences, flood storage reservoirs and to put up temporary barriers where needed to help protect communities ahead of the incoming weather.

As of 14:00pm on 13 February there are 21 flood warnings, meaning that flooding is expected, and 138 flood alerts, meaning that flooding is possible, in place across the country.

Caroline Douglass, Flood Duty Manager at the Environment Agency, said:

We have teams out across England today preparing for the severe weather that we are expecting over the weekend. We are ready to operate our flood defences, including the Foss Barrier in Yorkshire and the Thames Barrier in London as well as our flood storage reservoirs right across the country to reduce the risk of flooding.

Our operations teams are putting up temporary flood barriers where needed, including in Bewdley on the River Severn to help keep homes and businesses safe from rising river levels. We will continue to monitor weather and river levels closely and we are preparing to issue flood warnings to communities at risk to help them take action and stay safe.

We are advising people to sign up for flood warnings by phone, text or email and to access the latest safety advice on gov.uk by searching 'sign up for flood warnings'. Remember to never drive or walk through flood water, just 30cm of flowing water is enough to move your car – it's not worth the risk.

Paul Gundersen, Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office said:

Storm Dennis will bring a disruptive spell of weather over the weekend, and there are warnings in place for strong winds and heavy rain. In parts of Devon, South Wales, northern England and a swathe of southern England – stretching from Andover eastwards – rainfall is expected to be particularly heavy and persistent, and these areas are covered by amber warnings because of the risk of flooding and other disruption.

We advise people to [Sign up for our free flood warnings](#) and keep up to date with [the latest safety advice](#), call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or follow @EnvAgency on Twitter for the latest flood updates.

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1. 13 February 2020

We have updated the GOV UK story to reflect the current situation and weather outlook.

2. 12 February 2020

We have updated the GOV UK story to reflect the current flood risk.

3. 11 February 2020

We have updated the GOV UK story to reflect the current situation and weather outlook.

4. 10 February 2020

Updated figures and statement.

5. 10 February 2020

We have updated the GOV UK story to reflect the current situation and weather outlook.

6. 9 February 2020

Updated statement and figures.

7. 7 February 2020

We have updated the GOV UK story to reflect the current weather conditions ahead of Storm Ciara

8. 24 January 2020

We have updated this story to reflect the current outlook.

9. 16 January 2020

We have updated the statement in line with the latest flood risk advice.

10. 15 January 2020

Updated to reflect current flood risk

11. 13 January 2020

We have updated statement to reflect latest flood risk.

12. 10 January 2020

We have updated the news story to reflect the current situation.

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