

# **Flooding in England**

The Environment Agency (EA), emergency responders and local authorities are helping to protect people and properties following the flooding in:

- Yorkshire
- Derbyshire
- Gloucestershire
- Nottinghamshire
- Lincolnshire
- Warwickshire
- Worcestershire

Teams have been continuing to pump floodwater out of affected areas and all properties in Fishlake are now free of flood water.

As of 5.30pm on Monday 25 November there are 4 flood warnings in place, meaning flooding is expected and 64 flood alerts, advising communities to be prepared as flooding is possible.

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## **What you need to do**

Communities are urged to continue to:

## **How we are responding**

Environment Agency teams continue to work around the clock to protect people and properties from flooding but, as the flood risk reduces, the focus is increasingly moving to assisting the recovery of affected communities.

Teams are continuing to pump floodwater out of affected areas so those communities can get into their homes as soon as possible. Our staff are now working with local authorities to support community recovery.

Environment Agency engineers are also inspecting flood defences for sign of any damage during the flooding and repairing any damage. Specialist teams are flying aeroplanes with 'LIDAR' (Light Detection and Ranging) technology to scan and map the affected areas. These surveys allow staff to identify the impact on defences before carrying out manual inspections.

While the flood risk is reducing across most of the country, with so much water remaining in river catchments, rivers are expected to respond quickly to any future rainfall. There may be ongoing minor river flooding impacts this week.

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alone. Other areas protected include:

- 5,713 properties in the West Midlands
- 1,000 properties in the East Midlands
- 2,230 properties in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire
- 5,202 properties in the Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire

Chris Wilding, Flood Duty Manager at the Environment Agency, said:

Heavy rainfall may lead to surface water and river flooding across parts of north-eastern, central and southern England on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is due to showers falling on already wet ground.

High tides, with large waves and spray in places, may lead to localised flooding along parts of the south coast of England on Tuesday evening and into Wednesday morning, and along parts of the east coast from Wednesday to Friday.

EA teams are out on the ground checking flood defences and clearing drainage channels to help reduce flood risk over the coming days. We urge people to stay safe on the coast and to avoid driving through flood water as just 30cm of flowing water is enough to move your car.

You can check your flood risk, sign up for free flood warnings and keep up to date with the latest situation at <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>, call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or follow @EnvAgency on Twitter for the latest flood updates.

[Read the latest news and advice from the EA.](#)

## **Cross-government support – announcements**

Households and business owners significantly affected by recent flooding will have [immediate relief on their council tax and business rates](#), the Prime Minister announced (Friday 15 November).

The measure was announced following the first meeting of the cross-Whitehall Flood Recovery Taskforce on Friday, chaired by Local Government Secretary Robert Jenrick to support communities as they respond to this serious emergency.

Under the measures, households and businesses which have been intensely affected by the flooding will be eligible for 100% relief on their council tax and business rates for at least the next three months.

The government has also today (19 November) announced that [flood-hit homes and businesses will be able to receive up to £5,000](#) to help protect them from future flooding. The grants, which will be made available through local authorities from the end of November onwards, will help homes and businesses

to become more resilient to flooding by helping to pay for a range of property improvements.

For more information about how the government is supporting communities and business affected by the recent severe flooding visit the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government [webpage](#).

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