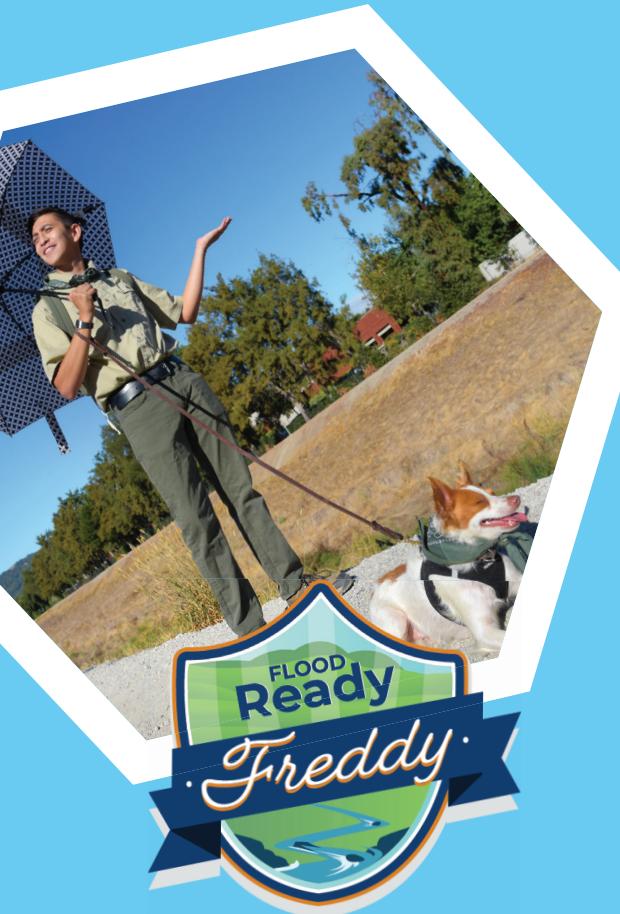


Flood Ready Freddy's TIP #6: HELP FLOOD CHANNELS FLOW SO THEY CAN DO THEIR JOB!



Zone 7 maintains 37 miles of channels. These channels are essential to flood control; they prevent our rivers, streams, and creeks from overflowing by allowing water to flow in and out. During a flood, the water will run into these channels, water levels may rise well above normal but eventually water will drain into a river or other body of water. To keep these channels functional, we must keep them maintained and free of trash and debris. Here's how you can help!

STAY ON MARKED TRAILS

Many parks and recreation areas have channels running through them. Some examples are Big Trees Park in Livermore or Alamo Creek Park in Dublin.

When you or your pet visit one of these areas, you can do your part by staying on the trails, keeping pets on leashes, picking up pet waste and properly disposing of all trash in trash cans.



REPORT LARGE ITEMS

If you see a mattress, bicycle, shopping cart, downed tree or other large object in a channel, report it by calling Zone 7 at (925) 454-5000.

PUT GREEN WASTE WHERE IT BELONGS

Even "natural" materials can compromise flood control because the debris can block the flow of water. When that happens, it can raise the water level upstream, making the channel less able to contain flood waters.

Dispose of green waste properly by using the green waste container provided by your waste hauler so it keeps flood channels clear and can be made into compost which is better for the planet.

Leave flood banks in place

It's important to preserve our channels, and that means not building anything that could destabilize the banks.

For example, never construct pedestrian walkways across the channels or modify the banks for dirt biking.

While these may seem like a good idea, they are trespassing and can cause permanent damage to the structural integrity of a channel.

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