



**PRESS RELEASE – May 29, 2015**

**Communications: 972-624-3104**

## **Lewisville Lake Flood Information**

THE COLONY, Texas — Information provided by Denton County Emergency Management and the Army Corps of Engineers indicates that Ray Roberts Lake Dam will continue to make surcharge releases. Releases were increased to 8,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) today, May 29, 2015, and will remain at this level until further notice. The current forecast shows Ray Robert to reach an elevation of 644.5 feet with no further rainfall. If additional rains are seen in the Ray Roberts watershed, we could see a spillway activation at that location. Spillway crest is 645.5 feet elevation. These releases will be included in National Weather Service (NWS) gaging data. If you have questions regarding this information you may call the Fort Worth District Emergency Operations Center at 817-886-1501.

Lewisville Lake Dam is currently releasing approximately 12,000 cfs through the spillway and is forecasted to reach an elevation of 536 feet by tomorrow with no further rainfall. By filling and storing flood water, Lewisville Lake is doing what it was designed to do. The finished floor of dwellings in The Colony are required to be built at or above **537 feet**. At this forecasted elevation, the spillway release would be approximately 15,000 cfs.

All residential dwellings in flood prone areas of the city are being monitored. This [flood plain map](#) will show those areas that may need to take precautions. Denton County also provides a [538 Feet Map](#) for your review. Please visit [www.DentonCounty.com](http://www.DentonCounty.com) for updated information regarding the lake flooding situation.

Additionally, homes may become isolated due to high water on roadways. A lower elevation roadway with standing water can be closed for safety reasons. Please keep a watchful eye on the routes into and out of your residence.

Please note that flash flooding and lake level flooding are two different events. Flash flooding events develop rapidly and can occur anywhere water collects, especially areas of steep terrain, and water runoffs. Flash Floods rarely last more than 12 hours. Generally, flooding events usually take longer to develop and they usually occur along or near larger rivers and lakes. The duration of flooding events may extend longer than 24 hours, perhaps several days.

Note of road closure: Lebanon Road west of Haywick in The Tribute community will be barricaded off tonight and reassessed in the morning. Additional rain expected will most likely see this portion of the road flood, and precautionary measures are in place.

The city has a very limited number of sandbags and materials to make available for the protection of private property from slow rising water. A plan is in place with guidelines for assessing the need for sandbags, and a distribution plan for allocating sandbags for the protection of private property. All requests for sandbags need to be directed to the:

**NON-EMERGENCY** Public Safety communications number **972-625-1887** where personnel will assess the need for sandbags. If approved, resident will receive a Priority Sandbag Need form for 20 sandbags. Citizens who receive a Priority Sandbag Need form may go to Public Works located at One Harris Plaza, Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. Citizens need to be prepared to fill their own sandbags.

Lastly, we remind you that barricades are in place for a reason, that our lake parks are closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The Police Department asks that citizens observe the closure of the parks and trails. You can be arrested or cited for Criminal Trespass, but more importantly they don't want you running into the migrating wildlife or getting injured in areas the Parks Department has deemed hazardous. This is a stressful situation for all and our goal is to keep you safe and informed.

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