

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: December 8, 2018

Time: 4 p.m.

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**FLOOD WARNINGS ISSUED FOR  
TRINITY RIVER, LONG KING CREEK, AND MENARD CREEK**

The Polk County Office of Emergency Management measured 4.31” of rainfall from the beginning of the heavy rain event yesterday to this morning.

**The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for:**

1. The Trinity River near Goodrich from this afternoon to late Tuesday night or until the warning is canceled. At 9:45 a.m. this morning, the stage was 33.1 feet. Flood stage is 36 ft. Moderate flooding is forecast with a rise to near 38.5 ft. by tomorrow morning and to fall below flood stage by Tuesday early afternoon.

2. Long King Creek at Livingston until late tonight or until the warning is canceled. At 10:30 a.m. this morning, the stage was 24.6 ft. Flood stage is 19 ft. Minor flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast with a rise to near 25.3 ft. by this afternoon and to fall below flood stage tonight. *The City of Livingston reports that Pedigo Park will be closed tonight due to flooding.*

3. Menard Creek near Rye from this afternoon to Tuesday morning or until the warning is canceled. At 10:15 a.m. this morning, the stage was 14.1 ft. Flood stage is 20 ft. Moderate flooding is forecast with a rise to near 23.5 ft. by tomorrow evening and to fall below flood stage by early Tuesday morning.

**Flood Safety Tips:** In the event of severe flooding, please remember:

Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive through high water and DO NOT DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES! Just 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

DO NOT WALK through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down.

STAY AWAY from streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly with little warning.

MOVE important items – especially important documents like insurance policies to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.

DISCONNECT electrical appliances and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management website ([www.polkcountyoem.com](http://www.polkcountyoem.com)) and the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement](https://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement)).

Please report flood damage to the Office of Emergency Management by calling our office at (936) 327-6826.