



Town of Amherst

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST AS SNOW MELTS, RAIN REACHES AREA

(Town of Amherst, NY) – The Town of Amherst has been monitoring conditions as rain is forecasted and temperatures rise causing snow melt. Despite the forecast and a significant snow pack following the blizzard, officials are not expecting any major flooding issues in town but warn residents to check sump pumps and be on alert for ponding water on roadways.

“The Town is not expecting any significant flooding at this time. The forecast calls for half an inch of rain or less, and the snow melt rate is not expected to be rapid. However, our Emergency Services, Police, Highway, Building and Engineering departments have been monitoring the situation for the past few days and taking proactive steps to minimize the impact on our town. We took drone footage of our creeks to check for large trees that may have come down during the blizzard and found that the waterways appear in good condition, clear of debris and ice. With the current water level, creeks are not expected to flood. We may see some ponding on roadways from runoff, especially in low lying areas. While we don’t expect any significant street flooding, and we will have patrols ready to block any roadways that become unsafe to pass. Please, always remember that if you approach standing water do not drive through if you are unsure how deep it is,” said Supervisor Brian Kulpa.

The Town is also reminding residents to check their sump pumps and basements, especially if they have had issues in the past during snow melt or high-water incidents.

Highway crews have been working to uncover drainage intakes, however the blizzard dumped several feet of drifted snow in most areas, making it difficult to address every street in town in the short time allowed.

Updates will be posted to the Town website, www.amherst.ny.us.

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