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Severe Weather and Flash Flooding Significant Risks this Weekend

ROWLETT, TX – The National Weather Service (NWS) has stated that severe weather and flash flooding will both be significant risks for North and Central Texas this Memorial Day weekend, as the ground is saturated and area lakes are full, and has issued a Flash Flood Watch for our area from 1:00 P.M., Friday (05/22), to 12:00 A.M., Monday (05/25). The City of Rowlett and its Office of Emergency Management will be monitoring the situation closely and communicating with the NWS and local partners throughout the weekend to ensure that the citizens of Rowlett stay informed and safe.

Below are a few flash flooding facts and tips to help you and your family remain safe:

- ✓ **“TURN AROUND, DON’T DROWN”**
- ✓ If you see floodwater on roads, walkways, bridges, and on the ground, do not attempt to cross.
- ✓ The depth of the water on a flooded road is not always obvious, and even a foot of water can sweep a vehicle off the road.
- ✓ If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay in the vehicle. If water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.
- ✓ If authorities advise or order you to evacuate an area, do so immediately and follow any evacuation guidance provided.

If there is an immediate threat to life safety and property, call 9-1-1.

If there is no emergency but you have concerns regarding flooding in your area, call 972-412-6201.

For more information on how to prepare for and respond to flooding, visit the following websites:

- National Weather Service Flood Safety: <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/index.shtml>
- www.Ready.gov (Spanish language site: www.ready.gov/es)

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