Notice from the
Vernon Municipal Flood and Erosion Control Board

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This large amount of snow currently on the ground has the potential for generating spring flooding in excess of what is normally experienced. Ideally, milder weather combined with no major rain events will result in beneficial melting and surface runoff. The extreme situation would be a significant rain event (3 to 4 inches) along with extremely mild weather which would result in significant flood events.

If you currently live in flood prone areas adjacent to watercourses in Town or experience damp or wet basements during the spring, this could be exacerbated this year.

Our best advice for this potential flooding is to be prepared.

- Sandbags may help prevent surface water from entering your house. A limited supply of sandbags is available at the Town's Public Works Department located at 375 Hartford Tpk.

- If you have a sump pump, be sure it is in working condition.

- If you do not have a sump pump, make sure everything stored in the basement stays "high and dry". Keep valuables off the floor; either on shelves, tables or even on concrete blocks and planks. If basement flooding does occur to an unsafe level that approaches electrical outlets, furnaces or other equipment, you should contact the Town of Vernon Fire Department at 860-870-3652 to assist in pumping out your basement.