

What To Do If Flooding Is Likely

- Move people, pets and valuables to a safe place
- Alert neighbours and assist the elderly or infirm
- Check your car and move it to high ground if possible
- Have warm spare clothing, a torch, a battery-powered radio (and extra batteries), food and drink and a first aid kit to hand
- Block doorways and airbricks with sandbags or plastic bags filled with earth
- Keep up to date with flood warnings on FLOODCALL (0645 88 11 88) and local radio
- Switch off gas and electricity supplies if flooding is imminent

After A Flood

- Have your gas and electricity checked before use
- Boil all tapwater until it has been declared safe and do not eat food which has been in contact with floodwater
- Avoid contact with floodwater, as it may be contaminated
- Ventilate your property - less damp means less damage
- Contact your insurers

Help Yourself By Being Prepared

Flood Warning Information

For the River Witham and Tributaries in Lincolnshire

- Rivers Witham and Till
- River Bain and Barlings Eau
- South Forty Foot Drain and East and West Fen Catchwater Drains

FLOODING INFORMATION

Dial and listen for information and advice on flooding in your area

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F L O O D C A L L

0645 88 11 88

Floodcall is a 24 hour recorded information service providing details of flooding across England and Wales. All calls are charged at local rates.



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Please keep this leaflet safe.

It contains important information about flood warning arrangements in your area.



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Environment Agency Flood Warning Service

The Environment Agency issues warnings for flooding from most major rivers and the sea. This leaflet explains about warnings issued by the Agency and describes warning arrangements for the River Witham and Tributaries in Lincolnshire.

The Environment Agency issues colour coded flood warnings for main rivers and the sea but does not cover flooding from minor watercourses and surface water drains. The colour of flood warnings tells you how serious the threat of flooding is.

Yellow Warning

A warning of flooding to some low lying farm land and roads near rivers or the sea.

Amber Warning

A warning of flooding to isolated properties, roads and large areas of farm land near rivers or the sea.

Red Warning

A warning of serious flooding affecting many properties, roads and large areas of farm land near rivers or the sea.

Flood Risks In This Area

The area has a good standard of flood defences to protect town and villages from flooding. There are no areas where property is at risk from frequent flooding.

Some properties in the following areas are at risk in moderate floods:

Langworth, Stainfield, Billingham, Heighington and Horncastle.

In more serious floods a number of properties are at risk in:

North Witham, Lincoln, Kirkby on Bain, Coningsby, Tattershall and additional areas in Horncastle.

Many rivers in the area have embankments to protect land and property from flooding. In major flood events embankments are put under severe pressure and some overtopping and breaching is possible. In these events the warning systems will be active and the police will co-ordinate the emergency response.

In addition to the areas at risk detailed, some localised problems may result in flood events from surface run-off in urban areas and blocked culverts in small drains and dykes.

How To Find Out About Flood Warnings

If there is a risk that your property may be affected by river or coastal flooding, the Environment Agency, with Local Authorities will make every effort to warn you, BUT it is your responsibility to take the appropriate steps to protect yourself and your property.

This is how you can find out if warnings are in force for the area covered by this leaflet.

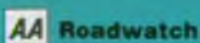
Local Radio and Television

Flood warnings will be broadcast on many local commercial and BBC radio stations and **AA Roadwatch** bulletins (broadcast by many radio stations). The warnings will identify the specific areas affected. If you are concerned that weather conditions may cause flooding, you should listen to:

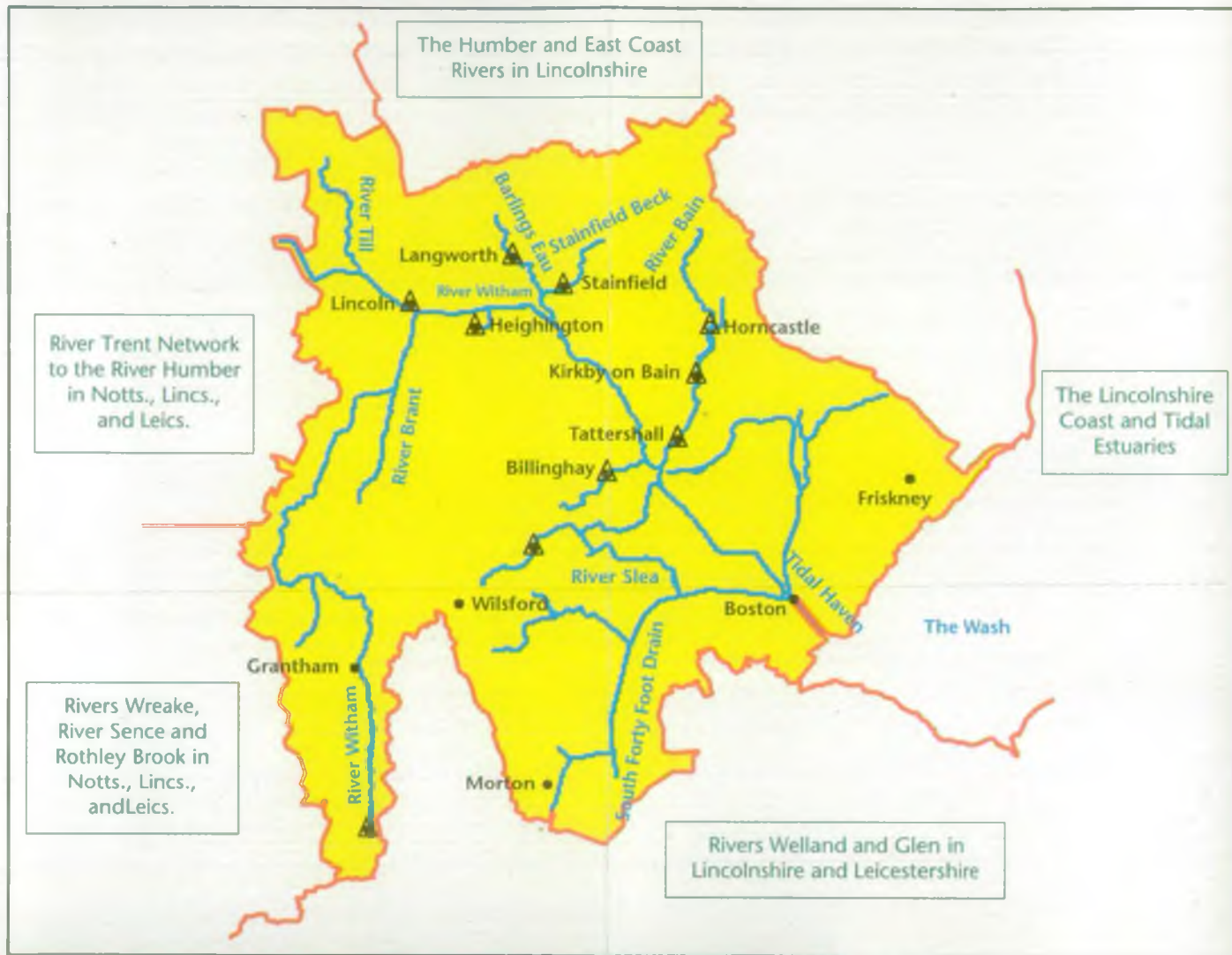
- **BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 FM & 219 AM**
- **Lincs FM 102.2 FM**






During major flood events, regional television may broadcast flood warning information. If you have a text service on your television, check the regional weather pages on **ITV Teletext, page 105** and look for flood warning information.





Flood Information map for the River Witham and Tributaries in Lincolnshire



Map Key Box

-  Area covered by leaflet for river flooding
-  River
-  Name of adjacent flood warning area (Leaflets are available from the Environment Agency)

-  City/Town/Village
-  Locations where flood warnings are issued to properties known to be at risk of flooding

NOTE:
Warnings will also be issued to properties in other locations that are only at risk in a major flood event

The Environment Agency
Waterside House,
Waterside North,
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Floodcall

The Environment Agency's 'dial and listen' service gives you recorded information on all **YELLOW**, **AMBER** and **RED** flood warnings which may be in force at any time for rivers and the coast in England and Wales.

If no warnings are in force in your area, the message will state this.

For 24-hour information and advice on flood warnings in England and Wales, call;

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Using your Quick Dial Code

To find specific information for flood warnings in your area, you can use your Quick Dial Code and get to the relevant information quickly.

If you have a touch tone phone (a phone which makes a tone in your ear when you press a button), telephone Floodcall on **0645 88 11 88** then, when the message begins, use the Quick Dial code for your area listed below.

The Quick Dial Code for your area is:

0 3 1 3

If you have a dial phone, or your push button phone does not have touch tone, you will be unable to use the Quick Dial option. Instead you will need to follow the instructions which are given throughout the Floodcall message.

Direct Warnings

Siren Systems will be used in Horncastle. If you hear sirens please listen to your local radiostation for warning details.

Public Address systems may be used in some towns in major flood events.

Who To Contact During A Flood

Flood reporting and help

Environment Agency

01522 513100

Sandbags, road flooding and blocked drains*

Local Council

See Telephone Directory

Sewage problems

Anglian Water Services

0345 145 145

If you need to be Evacuated

Police

999 (Emergency only)

If your property is flooded

Fire Service

999 (Emergency only)

*Before the flood season, check with your Local Council (for ease of reference, write their number in the box) to see what assistance is available.

Use this space for other useful numbers:

If you would like more information, contact the Environment Agency on 0645 333 111 during office hours. Flood Warning Dissemination Plans are available for inspection at Local offices.