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Pilger Hosts Free Workshops on Floodplain Management and Flood Insurance

LINCOLN, Nebraska – The Village of Pilger will be hosting two flood information workshops for northeast Nebraska-area residents who are interested in learning how to better protect their homes and businesses from future disasters.

The workshops, which are free and open to the public, will be presented **Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.** and then repeated **Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.** Both workshops will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 230 S. Madison Street in Pilger and will feature the same presentations so attendees can choose to attend the session that is most convenient.

"We know that floods can happen in our area with little or no warning," said Kimberly Neiman, Pilger village clerk. "With so many people repairing and rebuilding right now, it makes sense for all of us to learn about how we can better protect our homes and businesses before the next heavy rain or river flood occurs."

Specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will give short presentations on such topics as the ABCs of flood insurance, floodplain management, floodmaps, rebuilding houses with substantial damage, incorporating flood-resistance features in rebuilding, mold remediation and other related topics.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and FEMA specialists who can provide case-specific information on reducing flood impacts as well as other mitigation topics such as tornado safe rooms. Free publications and resource information will be available for anyone attending the sessions.

The workshops are being sponsored by NEMA and FEMA.

"One of the most important things Nebraskans can do is to think about how they may be impacted by all kinds of disasters, not just tornadoes," said NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma. "Flooding is certainly a risk for many of our communities. With so much rebuilding going on, now is the ideal time to add extra protection from flooding and other hazards."

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