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2.2 billion people don't have access to clean drinking water.*

The I-Codes help communities ensure clean water through proper construction, conservation and safe disposal.



*According to World Economic Forum.

Water Safety Week

This week we focus on ensuring a **Safer Community** with Water Safety, as the theme of the week for [Building Safety Month](#).

[Flooding](#) is the most common hazard that affects [Prince William County](#). There are many possible causes of floods including heavy rain, snow melting, storm surges, waterway overflow from being blocked with debris or ice, or overflow of dams or waste water systems.

With recent heavy rains, the County has taken greater care and effort to control [storm water runoff](#), [mitigate erosion](#), eliminate pollution sources and maintain its elaborate system of drains, pipes, ponds and culverts. Storm water management, quality controls, watershed protection and wetland protection are also regulated as part of the Clean Water Act that helps maintain water quality in County streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

The County's storm water management program addresses four major tasks: drainage, water quality, erosion and pollution control, and flooding. [Environmental Services](#) work with the building and development industry to ensure proper practices are in place to protect streams, creeks and surrounding areas from erosion run-off, helping maintain water quality in the community.

When considering a site for development there are a number of water safety issues that are required by law. Public Works provides a comprehensive guide to assist in the planning, development and inspection phases of projects [here](#). And the [Department of Development Services](#) offers Code Regulations and Inspections guidance, along with free access to read only versions of both the 2012 and 2015 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building code [here](#).

May 2020 Building Safety Month

May is Building Safety Month, which focuses on “Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World.” In a global pandemic, these words have far greater meaning to all of us, than ever before. Read more [here >>>](#)

Adopting the latest building codes generate a benefit of

**\$11 for every
\$1 invested.**



*According to a 2019 NBS study.

Disaster Preparedness Week

Be sure to check out last week's Building Safety Month with Disaster Preparedness Tips, with links on how to make plans, supply kits and more [here >>>](#)

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