

York Floods

Financial support package for residents and businesses

York residents whose homes have been internally flooded will receive a one-off payment of £500 from City of York Council to help support the clean-up process.



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Residents who pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit and whose homes were identified as flooded will receive the £500 payment directly into their bank account. Please note that only properties that have been flooded will qualify for this payment. If only freestanding out-buildings, garages or your garden have been affected you will not qualify. Garages that are attached/form part of the property are eligible.

Those paying by other methods will need to collect their payment by bringing photographic ID (e.g. a passport or driving licence) and a proof of address (e.g. utility bill) to the council's Customer Contact Centre at West Offices on Station Rise. If someone is collecting payment on behalf of a resident, they will need to bring proof of ID and address for themselves, as well as the same ID for the flooded resident.

Residents whose homes have been flooded internally will also be entitled to a Council Tax exemption from 27 December 2015 to 31 March 2016 inclusive as a minimum. Extensions may apply for residents who are unable to return home beyond that time. Residents who of all internally flooded properties will automatically receive an updated bill over the next few days.

Anyone who hasn't received their amended Council Tax bill by **15 January** should email council.tax@york.gov.uk or phone **01904 551558**. Refunds will be issued to Council Tax payers who are in credit after the flood exemption has been awarded.

There are also a number of other financial support options for residents affected by flooding:

- The York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) provides help for residents in financial difficulty to continue to live in the local community. More information about the Scheme is available at www.york.gov.uk/yfas email yfas@york.gov.uk or phone **0808 1685238** (during normal office hours 8.30am to 5.30pm).
- York residents whose homes have been flooded, who are on a low income, have little capital and who are not adequately insured, may be eligible for help from York's Disaster Fund, a registered charity which was established after flooding in York in 2000. Applications for this will be managed by the council for all customers including those who do not qualify for YFAS. For more information about how to apply please email yfas@york.gov.uk or phone **0808 1685238**.
- Up to £5,000 Future Flood Prevention Funding is available for property owners and those who are responsible for maintaining the fabric of a property that has been flooded. This is to improve the property in order to prevent future flood damage. To apply for this please email floodresiliencegrant@york.gov.uk.

Businesses which have been affected by the floods are currently being visited by City of York Council representatives.

- Up to £2,500 is available for businesses affected by the floods through the Flood Recovery Fund for businesses.

Businesses can email business@makeityork.com or phone **01904 554455** to make a claim.

- Businesses which have been flooded will need to apply for an exemption to their Business Rates. Please contact the business rates team at business.rates@york.gov.uk or phone **01904 551140**.
- Up to £5000 in Future Flood Prevention Funds (Commercial) is available for commercial property owners and those who are responsible for maintaining the fabric of a property that has been flooded. This is to improve the property in order to prevent future flood damage. To apply for this please email floodresiliencegrant@york.gov.uk.

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