

# CITY OF ANN ARBOR: ANNUAL BARTON DAM PREPAREDNESS GUIDE FOR EMERGENCIES



Preparedness is a priority for the City of Ann Arbor, even for unlikely events like a Barton Dam failure. **You are receiving this notification because you live in a low-lying area that could be affected.**

Ann Arbor Water monitors Barton Dam 24/7 for water-level abnormalities and rapid response. Located on the Huron River, the dam generates hydroelectric power and has an automatic controller to maintain Barton Pond levels.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the dam, conducting annual safety inspections alongside the city's dam safety engineer. City staff also perform weekly, monthly and quarterly inspections. Engineers and technical personnel manage ongoing maintenance and capital improvement projects, contracting specialists as needed. Every five years, independent consultants conduct a comprehensive dam safety evaluation. These efforts, in coordination with federal regulators, ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the dam.



Create an evacuation plan that identifies how you will leave and where you will go if advised to evacuate. Include multiple destinations such as a family or friend's home, a hotel, or a local shelter (Clague Middle School and/or Community High School). **See reverse side for a map.**



Online version:  
[www.a2gov.org/  
EvacZoneBartonDam](http://www.a2gov.org/EvacZoneBartonDam)

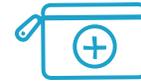
Type your address to see if you live in the evacuation zone:  
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If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Most public shelters only allow service animals.



Develop a household communication plan and choose a meeting place that can be used in the event you are separated.



Prepare an evacuation go-bag with prescription medications, important documents (insurance, ID, vital records), clothing and hygiene items, and pet supplies if needed. Review emergency kits twice per year to keep supplies up-to-date.

## REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS

If a dam failure or breach occurs, the city will use the A2 Emergency Alert System to notify the community. These alerts share critical information during major emergencies or disasters and can be received by text, email, and/or phone call based on your preferences.

For information and to register for A2 Emergency Alerts, visit: [www.a2gov.org/alerts](http://www.a2gov.org/alerts). To develop an emergency plan/kit, go online: [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan)

**Win a Preparedness Kit!** Complete a brief feedback survey to enter for a chance to win an emergency preparedness kit! Scan the code to the right or visit: <https://forms.office.com/g/bmLfxhFre9>

**Questions?** Contact the Office of Emergency Management at [OEM@a2gov.org](mailto:OEM@a2gov.org)



# Barton Dam Inundation Zone

Clague Middle School  
2616 Nixon Rd

-  Clague Middle School
-  Community High School
-  Bridge - DON'T CROSS
-  Hospitals
-  To Community High School
-  To Clague Middle School
-  Clague Middle School
-  Community High School

Community High School  
401 N Division St



0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

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