



# National Environment Management Authority



## PUBLIC NOTICE

As you are aware, the Kenya Meteorological Department has issued an early warning that the El-Nino phenomena may be experienced in our country from the month of October 2023. They have warned of above average rains which may result in flooding.

In previous flooding incidents, urban areas have experienced clogging of the drainage infrastructure by waste especially from packaging, textiles and diapers among others. This exacerbates the flooding menace leading to loss of life and property. Further, the post-consumer waste degrades our wetland ecosystems such as rivers, lakes, swamps, oceans among others

In view of the above, the Authority advises as follows:-

1. **Members of the public** to ensure that they keep off ecologically sensitive areas prone to flood incidences such as riparian, hill tops and areas prone to land-slides.
2. **County Governments** and other relevant entities to ensure storm drains are cleared of any materials that hinder free flow of storm water
3. **Owners of dams, water pans and earth dams and other water bodies** should institute appropriate risk management measures including dam inspections, monitoring and maintenance systems, emergency preparedness, communication and community outreach systems to safeguard public safety and the environment.
4. **All project owners** should ensure that they adhere to the conditions of the Environmental Impact Assessment licenses issued by the Authority as well as the Environmental management plans submitted to NEMA.
5. **Operators and owners** of any facility storing chemicals to take appropriate measures to prevent flood water getting into contact with the chemicals.
6. **Producers:** Attention to Section 13 of the Sustainable Waste Management Act, 2022 requires producers to bear mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility obligations to reduce pollution and environmental impacts of the products they introduce to the Kenyan market and waste arising therefrom. In this regard the producers should ensure that their post-consumer waste does not clog drainage systems, obstruct flow of rivers or cause pollution to the ecosystems. The Authority shall not hesitate to take legal action on any producer and associated Producer Responsibility organizations (PRO) whose product or packaging is found littering the environment.

The Authority remains committed to ensuring a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for all. Our environment, Our life, our responsibility.

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