

Wymore Decks & Outdoor Living: Flooding Puts Drainage in Focus

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The September 30, 2026 flooding around Omaha has put site drainage into focus for homeowners planning spring decks. The National Weather Service documented heavy rain and flooded roads in the area. Wymore Decks & Outdoor Living offers residential deck construction and under-deck systems, two services that bring the relationship between a proposed structure and water on the property into the planning conversation.

The weather service reported a band of three to locally ten inches of rain across a two-state area around Omaha. Its event summary lists 8.22 inches at a station one mile west-northwest of Millard at 12:37 a.m. on October 1, and 4.71 inches at Omaha Eppley Airfield at 1:52 a.m. These are observations at two locations, not measurements for every backyard. The agency also reported stranded vehicles and water rescues across the area.

For a household considering an outdoor living space next spring, a photograph of water moving across a proposed deck footprint may be more useful than a regional total. The picture can preserve a path that is

hard to see after the ground dries. Notes on where downspouts discharge, which walkways collected water, the direction of flow and how long a low spot remained wet give a designer something specific to inspect. They do not, on their own, diagnose a drainage defect or show that a new deck will solve it.

Deck design has to account for what happens above and below the walking surface. Rain ordinarily passes between boards on an open deck. An elevated deck intended to create usable space underneath presents a different question: whether a separately designed under-deck system can collect ordinary runoff from above and where that collected water can go. The company's under-deck service information describes that option alongside residential deck construction. The destination for collected water matters as much as the overhead collection; a plan should identify the outlet rather than leave runoff to spill against the house. No such system can be assumed to control surface flooding from the yard.

A lower platform, a stair landing and a raised deck each meet the ground differently. A spring plan can place proposed steps, paths and posts against the water routes observed during the September storm, rather than treating the choice of decking boards as the first decision. The location of the house, neighboring grade and roof discharge can change the conversation. Water arriving from beyond the deck footprint may call for a broader property assessment; a deck drainage component cannot be assumed to manage it.

Foundation selection is also a site decision, not a conclusion from a rain gauge. Wymore's selected services include helical piers, Diamond Piers and concrete footings, but the appropriate support depends on the design, soil, structural loads and applicable requirements at the address. Water standing near an existing deck does not by itself prove that its footings failed. A structure that has moved, has loose connections or feels unstable warrants a qualified inspection before use rather than a cosmetic repair based on appearance alone.

Planning ahead does not guarantee a construction start. The city publishes plan-submittal information, but the reviewing authority and drawings depend on the property and proposed work. Addresses outside city limits may follow another process. Neither the September flooding nor a winter design conversation establishes faster permits, available materials or a spring 2027 build slot.

The timely lesson from the documented event is narrower and more useful: record what actually happened on the lot, then bring those observations into a property-specific deck discussion. The National Weather Service's event report documents the flooding; Wymore's deck installation page describes its advertised construction services. A design or drainage recommendation requires review of the actual property.

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