



FLOOD

Create a plan for your family. Your family might not be together when a flood occurs. That's why it is important to have a plan in place. Talk about how you will reach each other.

Prepare an emergency kit. The below listed items should be part of your basic emergency kit and kept in a container that can be easily carried. Use the Family Safety Guide as a reference to gather additional items important to your family.

- Water and canned or dried food - families should set aside one gallon of water per person per day, to last three days, and a three-day supply of food per person. The food should be nonperishable items that don't need to be cooked, such as tuna and crackers. Remember to include a manual can opener. If there's an infant in the house, include formula and baby food.
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries for the radio and flashlight
- Prescription medications
- First-aid kit
- Copies of insurance policies, deeds and other important records

Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency. City, county, and state officials have developed emergency plans. Learn your community's flood evacuation routes. Evacuate if instructed to by authorities and return home only when they say it's safe.

If your home is prone to flooding, move your furnace, water heater and electric panel to higher floors. Install check valves in sewer traps to prevent water from backing up into your house. Waterproof your basement walls to stop seepage.

Do not try to drive through flooded areas or around barricades. It can take less than six inches of fast moving water to float a slow moving vehicle. Once floating, the vehicle can overturn.

Make sure food and water are safe. Discard items that have come in contact with floodwater, including canned goods, water bottles, plastic utensils and baby feeding supplies. When in doubt, throw it out!

Do not use water that could be contaminated. Public health officials will be issuing specific recommendations on boiling instructions to treat contaminated water. Keep kids out of the flood water

Flood Watch

Flooding is possible within 12 to 36 hours.

Flash Flood Watch

Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning.

Prepare to move to higher ground if you are at risk.

Flood Warning

Flooding is or soon will be occurring. Evacuate immediately if advised.

Flash Flood Warning

Flash flooding is occurring. Move to higher ground at once if you are at risk.