

How You Can Prepare For a Flood or Flash Flood

KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT:

Know your area's flood risk.

If it has been raining hard for several hours, or steadily for several days, be alert to the possibility of a flood.

Listen to local radio or TV for flood information.

Floods can take hours or days to develop.

FLOOD WATCH means a flood is possible in your area.

FLOOD WARNING means flooding is occurring or will soon occur in your area.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH means flash flooding is possible in your area.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING means a flash flood is occurring or will occur very soon.

PREPARE A DISASTER PLAN:

Check your insurance policy to see if it covers flooding. If not, check into flood insurance.

Keep valuables and current copies of important documents in a safe deposit box.

Put together a Disaster Supplies Kit containing: First Aid Kit, Canned food and can opener, Bottled water, Rubber boots and rubber gloves, Battery powered radio, flashlight, and batteries

Identify where you could go if told to evacuate.

WHEN A FLOOD WATCH IS ISSUED:

Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.

Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

Pack a bag with essential personal items such as prescription medications and eyeglasses.

Move pets to safest spot available. They will not be taken into public shelters.

WHEN A FLOOD WARNING IS ISSUED:

Listen to local radio and TV for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.

Turn off electric, gas and water if told to evacuate.

WHEN A FLASH FLOOD WATCH IS ISSUED:

Be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice.

Turn off electric, gas and water.

WHEN A FLASH FLOOD WARNING IS ISSUED:

Evacuate immediately. You may have only seconds to escape. Act quickly. Move to higher ground away from the water. Do not drive around barricades. If your car stalls in rapidly rising water, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.