



Flood Preparedness

Floods are the number one most common natural disaster in the United States. Here are some tips to stay safe before, during and after flood storms.

1. Know your emergency phone numbers: Fire, Ambulance, Sheriff, and Police
2. Learn your community's emergency warning signals.
3. Determine what to move up, out or away, then do it:
4. If possible photograph or videotape your possessions.
5. Create a family emergency evacuation plan and practice it with every family member.
6. Use the safest routes to a predetermined place.
7. Avoid roads that will probably be blocked by water.
8. Tell friends and relatives where you will be in case of evacuation.
9. Know how to turn off utilities, such as gas, propane, electricity and water.
10. Secure propane and other fuel tanks so they don't float away and cause danger.
11. Make sure you have emergency supplies on hand that are stored in one or two containers that can be used if you stay, but also taken in case of evacuation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> candles | <input type="checkbox"/> prescription glasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets, pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> first aid kit for home | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper, kitchen towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extra house keys | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, liquid detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extra vehicle keys | <input type="checkbox"/> Set aside in clean, plastic containers one gallon of drinking water per person, per day for seven days. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby supplies such as formula, bottles, diapers, powdered milk and baby medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> credit cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Battery operated radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> first aid kits for vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or traveler's checks, change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> non-perishable food | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment - books, games, and playing cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flashlights | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sturdy shoes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> essential medicines and prescriptions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> non-electric can-opener | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> warm clothes ,complete change of clothing and each person | |

Weather Terms

- Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.
- Flash Flood Watch:** Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.
- Flood Warning:** Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Flash Flood Warning:** A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately