



Floods

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Before a Flood

1. Know the elevation of your property in relation to flood plains, streams, and other waterways. Determine if your property is likely to be flooded.
2. Make advanced plans of what to do and where to go.
3. Store food, water, and critical medical supplies (prescriptions, etc.)
4. Fill your car with gas in case you must evacuate.
5. Move furniture and essential items to higher elevation if time permits.
6. Have a portable radio and flashlight with extra batteries.
7. Open basement windows to equalize water pressure on foundations and walls.
8. Secure house and consider flood insurance.

Evacuation

1. Listen to local radio and/or TV for weather information
2. If you are asked to evacuate, shut off main power switch, main gas valve, and water valve. Follow local evacuation plans and routes.
3. Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road, as it might be washed out. While you are on the road, watch for possible flooding at bridges, dips, and low areas.
4. Watch out for damaged roads, slides, and fallen wires.
5. Drive slowly in water; use low gear.
6. If driving and vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
7. Do not attempt to cross a stream on foot where water is above your knees.
8. Register at your designated evacuation center and remain at the evacuation center until informed you may leave.

After a Flood

1. Remain away from evacuated area until public health officials and building inspector have given approval.
2. Check for structural damage before entering.
3. Make sure electricity is off; watch for electrical wires.
4. Do not use an open flame as a light source because of the possibility of escaping gas. Use flashlights. Beware of dangerous sparks.
5. Do not use food that has been contaminated by flood water.
6. Test drinking water potability.