

Flood Emergency Response Plan

Before a Flood
●Build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan.
●Avoid building in a flood plain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.
●Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.
●Consider installing "check valves".
●If feasible build barriers to stop floodwater entering your home.
●Seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.
During a Flood
If a flood is likely in your area:
●Listen to radio or TV for information.
●Be aware of flash floods. If such occurs move to higher ground immediately.
●Be aware of stream, drainage channels, canyons and other areas known to flood suddenly.
If you must prepare to evacuate:
●Secure your home. If possible bring any essentials inside and elevate them.
●Turn off utilities. Disconnect electrical appliances, DO NOT touch electrical equipment if you are wet or in contact with water.
If you have to leave your home:
●DO NOT walk through moving water. If you have to move make sure the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the surface in front of you.
●DO NOT drive into flooded areas. If water rises around your car abandon the car and move to a safe place.
●DO NOT camp or park your vehicle along streams, rivers etc.

After a Flood
If your home has been flooded:
●Use local alerts and warning systems to get information and expert advice.
●Avoid moving water.
●Stay away from damaged areas unless your assistance has been requested by the police firefighters, etc.
●Help emergency workers by staying out of the way.
●Play it safe.
●Return home only through authorized permission.
●If you come upon a barricade or a closed road go another way.
●If you must walk or drive stay on firm ground, stay away from moving water. Standing water may be electrified.
●Roads may have weakened and may collapse under the weight of a car.
●Stay away from any flooded buildings.
●Be extremely cautious if entering a building. Secondary damage may occur.
Staying Healthy:
●Avoid floodwater; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or electrified.
●Listen for news if the water supply is safe to drink.
●Clean and sanitize everything that got wet.
●Rest often and eat well.
●Discuss your concerns with others and seek help.
Cleaning up and repairing:
●Turn off the electricity at the main breaker.
●Contact your insurance agent to discuss claims.
●Listen to the radio for information or assistance.
●If you hire a cleanup team make sure they are qualified to do the job.
●Stay clear of people driving around offering cleanup or repair services.