



MONTHLY PREPAREDNESS TOPIC

HOW TO PREPARE:

Understand what causes flooding in your area and where it is projected to occur.
<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>

Monitor weather forecasts and know how to monitor river levels
<https://www.weather.gov/pqr/>
<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=pqr>

Buy flood insurance

Prepare emergency plans

- Develop a flood emergency preparedness kit
- Identify 2 evacuation routes from a flood prone area

Prepare for flood waters

- Stockpile or know where to obtain sandbags and sand
- Store items off the floor so you don't have to move them when flooding occurs

FLOOD

During the Flood

Do not walk through flowing water

- The number one cause of flood deaths
- 6 inches of moving water can sweep a person off their feet

Do not drive through flooded areas

- Vehicles can "drown" in water that is too deep and create a rescue situation
- Vehicles can float in 12-24 inches of moving water
- Flood waters can undermine the roadway

Stay away from power and electrical lines

- The number two cause of flood deaths

Turn off your electricity

- Some appliances maintain a charge after they are unplugged
- Do not use appliances that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried

After the Flood

Be alert for:

- Gas leaks
- Displaced rodents and animals seeking refuge in dry areas
- Broken sharp objects hiding under mud and debris

Clean everything that got wet

- Floodwaters may have carried sewage, chemicals, and other hazards into your home

Dispose of spoiled or flooded food, cosmetics and medicine.

- When in doubt, throw them out

Ensure your drinking water is safe to drink

- Do not drink water from a flooded well until you have had it tested
- Be prepared to boil water (rolling boil for 1 minute) or to purify water



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