

Flood Preparedness and Awareness

BEFORE

MAKE A PLAN BEFORE A FLOOD OCCURS

Floods are unpredictable. It is better to plan ahead to reduce any risks to family, pets, and property.

Learn more about flood insurance at: <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance>



Plan Ahead

Since weather-related disasters can happen anytime, periodically inventory weather preparedness kit.

Know Your Zone

Research the risk impact on your property in the event of a flood. Consider investing in flood insurance.

Know Flood Evacuation Route

Check for local flood zones. Flood maps show the likelihood of an area to flood.

Ready, Set, Go

Be ready to evacuate to a safe location if flooding occurs or is ordered by the authorities.

DURING

IF FLOODING OCCURS, TAKE ACTION

Avoid walking or driving through flooded areas. Stay away from downed power lines.



Stay Informed

Follow weather updates. Keep family members updated.

Stay Inside,

Avoid going outside and coming into contact with floodwater.

Lights Out

In the event of a power outage, use flashlights instead of candles. Turn off and unplug appliances. Consider turning off power.

Stay on Top

Stay above the rising water levels. If necessary, go to higher ground for safety.

AFTER

RECOVERY: RETURNING HOME

Be extremely cautious when returning to your home or business. Wear protective gear. Do not enter buildings still surrounded by floodwaters. There may be structural damage or hidden risks.



Safe Return

Do not return home until officials say it is safe. When it is suitable, disinfect any areas that were flooded.

Boil It, Throw It Out

Boil water according to local officials' recommendations. Throw away unsafe food.

Stay Dry

Avoid using generators in wet conditions.

Avoid a Shocking Return

Replace electrical equipment damaged by water.

