



Flood

Flood advisory 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.

Evacuation during a flood



Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture, and move essential items to an upper floor.



Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so.

Do not drive into flooded areas. If you come upon a flooded section of road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road with waters rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly. Abandon it and move to safe, higher ground.

Be prepared



Listen to area radio and television stations for possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress.



Know safety tips and build an emergency kit. Include drinking water, a first-aid kit, canned food, a radio, flashlight, and blankets.



When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, be prepared to evacuate or shelter-in-place.

Immediately after a flood



Have injuries treated by a medical professional.



Remain calm. Pace yourself. Listen carefully, and deal patiently with urgent situations first.



Check with local authorities to learn if your residence is safe to enter.

General Guidelines



Listen for news reports to learn whether the community's water supply is safe to drink.



Avoid floodwater and moving water.



Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.