**FLOOD**

**HOW TO PREPARE**

**Understand** what causes flooding in your area and where it is projected to occur. [https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search](https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search)


**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

**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