FLOOD

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/ 

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