



## Flooding

During the rainy season, any area is at risk of flooding. It is important to be aware of the hazards involved with floods, and to prepare yourself and your family in case of this type of emergency. The following tips will help educate you on the proper precautions to take before, during, and after a flood.

### What To Do Before/During a Flood:

- You can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program if your community participates in this program.
- Listen to the radio/television for updates and instructions to evacuate. When told to do so, evacuate immediately.
- Pack bags of important items and emergency supplies to prepare for evacuation.
- Avoid driving or walking in flooded areas.
- If you are unable to evacuate, get to higher ground and stay there until help arrives.



### Resources

[Dangers of Flooding](#)

[Flood Safety Tips](#)

[Flood Facts](#)

### What To Do After a Flood:

- Listen to the radio/television to learn whether or not the water supply in your area has been contaminated from the flood.
- Avoid contact with flood water, as it may carry an electrical charge from downed power lines. Flood water may also be contaminated with sewage, oil, or gasoline.
- If you have evacuated, you can return home when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Be cautious of roads that have been covered in flood water, as they could be worn down and potentially collapse under the weight of a vehicle.

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