

Flooding

Preparing for a Flood:

- Make a plan so you know what to do, where to go, and what you need
- Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response
- Gather supplies (e.g., food, water, cleaning supplies, etc.) for several days
- Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container
- Move valuables to higher levels



Staying Safe During a Flood:

- Evacuate immediately if told to do so
- Never drive around barricades
- Contact your healthcare provider if you are sick and need medical attention
 - Wait for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible
 - If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911
- Stay up-to-date on current emergency information and instructions
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water
- Stay inside your vehicle if it is trapped in rapid moving water
 - Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car
- Get to the highest level possible if trapped in a building
 - Only get on the roof if necessary, and signal for help
 - Do not climb into a closed attic to avoid getting trapped



Staying Safe After a Flood:

- Pay attention to authorities for information and instructions
- Return home only when authorities say it's safe
- Avoid driving except in emergencies
- Wear heavy work gloves, protective clothing, and boots during clean-up
 - Use appropriate face coverings/masks if cleaning mold or other debris
- Be aware that snakes and other animals may be in your house
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water
 - Turn off electricity to prevent electric shock if it is safe to do so
- Avoid wading in floodwater
- Use a generator or other gas-powered machines ONLY outdoors, away from windows

Find more information at [ready.gov/floods](https://www.ready.gov/floods)



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