

Are you ready...for *Floods*?

Know the Terms:

Flood watch: rainfall is heavy enough to cause rivers to overflow. Flooding is possible.

Flood warning: flooding is occurring or very likely to happen in an affected river, lake, pond or tidewater area.

Flash flood watch: flash flooding in specified areas is possible.

Flash flood warning: flash flooding is occurring or is likely to happen along certain streams and select areas.



If you are under a flood watch or warning:

- Stay tuned to local radio or television station for updates
- Gather emergency supplies
- Turn off utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks and plastic soda bottles with clean water. Sanitize the sinks and tubs first by using bleach. Rinse and fill with clean water.
- Bring outdoor possessions, such as lawn furniture, grills and trashcans inside or tie them down tightly.

Emergency supplies you will need:



- 3-5 day supply of clean water (about 5 gallons per person)
- 3-5 day supply of non-perishable food and a non-electric can opener
- A first aid kit, prescription medicines and a list of any special medical needs
- A battery-powered radio, flashlights and extra batteries
- Sleeping bags or extra blankets
- Water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine, iodine tablets or household chlorine bleach
- Baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers and other baby supplies
- Disposable cleaning cloths, such as baby wipes to use in case bathing facilities is not available
- Rubber boots or sturdy shoes and waterproof gloves
- Insect repellent containing DEET, or long-sleeved/legged clothing for protection from mosquitoes

Last minute preparations in case of evacuation:

- Fill your vehicle's gas tank and make sure the emergency kit for your car is ready
- Be aware of flooded or washed-out roads. Just a few inches of water can float a car. Don't walk or drive through moving flood water. Think: Turn Around, Don't Drown.
- Make a family communication plan
- If you have pets, identify a shelter designated for pets

