



## Flood Preparedness Plan

BEFORE THE FLOOD	
Listen to area radio and television stations and a NOAA Weather Radio for possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress or other critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.	<input type="checkbox"/>
When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, head for higher ground and stay there.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off of your feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you come upon a flooded road while driving, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep children out of the water. They are curious and often lack judgment about running water or contaminated water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood danger.	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPPLIES KIT	
Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-purpose tool	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitation and personal hygiene items	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell phone with chargers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family and emergency contact information	<input type="checkbox"/>

# **FAMILY SURVIVAL PLANS**

Extra cash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tools/supplies for securing your home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra set of car keys and house keys	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rain gear	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insect repellent and sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camera for photos of damage	<input type="checkbox"/>

AFTER THE FLOOD	
Return home only when officials have declared the area safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Before entering your home, look outside for loose power lines, damaged gas lines, foundation cracks or other damage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parts of your home may be collapsed or damaged. Approach entrances carefully. See if porch roofs and overhangs have all their supports.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch out for wild animals, especially poisonous snakes that may have come into your home with the floodwater.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call the fire department.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If power lines are down outside your home, do not step in puddles or standing water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep children and pets away from hazardous sites and floodwater.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Materials such as cleaning products, paint, batteries, contaminated fuel and damaged fuel containers are hazardous. Check with local authorities for assistance with disposal to avoid risk.	<input type="checkbox"/>
During clean-up, wear protective clothing, including rubber gloves and rubber boots.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make sure your food and water are safe. Discard items that have come in contact with floodwater, including canned goods, water bottles, plastic utensils and baby bottle nipples. When in doubt, throw it out!	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact your local or state public health department for specific recommendations for boiling or treating water in your area after a disaster as water may be contaminated.	<input type="checkbox"/>