

Flooding Checklist

Be Prepared

- Create a codeReady Plan that includes a Go Plan.
- Build at least a 3-day codeReady Kit. (You may need to take part or all of this kit with you if you leave your home.)
- Listen carefully to weather forecasts and public safety announcements when torrential rains are predicted or flooding is already taking place upstream.
- Keep a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio in your codeReady Kit to hear emergency broadcasting information in the event of flooding.
- Plan and practice an evacuation from your home as well as your local area with your family.
- Become familiar with other evacuation plans for you and your family, including school, work and childcare plans.

Before a Flood

- Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.
- Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel if susceptible to flooding
- Install check valves in sewer traps to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains of your home.
- Construct barriers (levees, beams, floodwalls) to stop floodwater from entering building.
- Seal basement walls with waterproofing compounds to avoid water seepage.
- Buy flood insurance.

During a Flood

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Be aware of flash flooding, and move to higher ground.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels, canyons and other areas known to flood suddenly. Do not wait for someone to tell you to move/leave if you think you're at risk.

If You Must Evacuate

- Secure your home.
- Bring in outdoor furniture if you have time.
- Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed.
- Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you're in wet or standing water.
- Do not walk through moving water.
- Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not drive in flooded areas.