



FLOOD GUIDE

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PREPARE

- Make an **Emergency Plan**: Set a plan with your family to know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- Keep an **Emergency Supply Kit** in your home and an **Emergency Car Kit** in your vehicle. It's essential to have essential items if traveling is necessary. 72HRS offers various **Emergency Kits**. Choose one that best suits your needs.
- Clean leaves, garbage, ice, and other debris away from storm drains near your home.
- Ensure you have **light** sources readily available. Keep a flashlight in an easily accessible place in case of a power outage. Having at least one **Hand-crank Flashlight** in your house is a good idea as it does not rely on batteries.
- Obtain **home insurance** with flood coverage.
- Seal basement windows** and the **base of ground-level doors**. Add window wells and covers to windows near or below ground level.

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AFTER

- Follow directions from **local authorities** and **first responder personnel**.
- Maintain **good hygiene** during flood cleanup by minimizing contact with floodwater or anything that may have come in contact with it.
- Wear **protective clothing**, including rubber boots or sturdy boots, **safety glasses, a hard hat**, rubber gloves, and **a dust mask**.
- Check with local authorities or community leaders on how to properly **dispose of damaged items** from your home.
- Do not use any appliances, heating, pressure, or sewage system until electrical components are dry and have been inspected by a qualified electrician.

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DURING

- Pay attention to weather statements broadcasted by radio and television stations. Keep a **NOAA radio** in your emergency kit.
- When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, **head for higher ground** and stay there.
- Avoid walking and driving through flooded waters as they could be **deeper than you think**.
- Be especially **cautious at night** when it is harder to recognize flood danger.
- Keep children and pets away from floodwater.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- The best time to prepare for any disaster is before it happens.
- Be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just six inches of moving water can knock you down.
- Avoid bridges and fast-moving water.

