



# 3V GEAR FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

You don't always have time to react to an emergency situation, but knowing what to do during a flood can save your life and property. Below are steps to take before, during and after a flood.

## BEFORE A FLOOD

- Check to see if your home is in a Flood Zone
- Get Flood Insurance
- Keep digital copies of important forms i.e. Flood insurance policy
- Have an Emergency Kit prepared
- Invest in a sump pump
- Purchase an emergency weather radio
- Get a generator in case of power outages
- Clean out drains and gutters
- Sandbags to create a wall/perimeter around your home
- Install check valves in plumbing, prevents back up of flood water
- Make sure your vehicles gas tanks are full -in case of evacuation
- Fill bottles and containers with clean drinking water
- Fill bathtubs & sinks with water only for toilets to flush
- Elevate your furniture & appliances
- Bring your pets inside if possible

## DURING A FLOOD

- Listen to local authorities for info & updates
- Seek shelter
- Evacuate if instructed and if possible
- Some communities have flood approved shelters
- Do not walk or swim through flood water
- Stay away from bridges, beaches, underpasses, and any low spots
- Move to higher ground
- In a car? Stay inside unless water is rising inside, then move to the roof of the vehicle
- If you are trapped in the flood, call 911
- Move to the highest level of your home
- Do not allow pets or children to drink contaminated flood water
- Stay on alert for any electrical dangers in your home
- Boil tap water for clean water sources
- Turn off utilities if instructed by the authorities

## AFTER A FLOOD

- Return home when it is safe to do so
- Watch out for downed power lines
- Dangerous animals could be present such as snakes
- Contact your flood insurance company ASAP
- Notify family members that you are safe
- Do not use any water for drinking, food prep, cleaning, etc until it has been declared safe
- Wait before using any flooded electrical appliances until they have been inspected by a professional
- Dispose of any food that came in contact with contaminated flood water
- Take photos & record the flood damage done to your home for your insurance
- When in doubt, throw it out
- Pump water from your basement out gradually to prevent walls from collapsing