

flood safety

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters in terms of human hardship and economic loss... most communities in the United States can experience some kind of flooding.

PREPAREDNESS

- Develop a Family Disaster Plan
- Learn about your areas Flood risk
- Be sure you have insurance coverage that includes flooding
- Keep important documents and other valuables in a safe place
- Contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross for further information

AWARENESS

A Flood WATCH: means that conditions are favorable for a Flood in your area.

A Flood WARNING: means that a Flooding has occurred or will occur within 30 minutes. Many more WATCHES are issued than WARNINGS. A WATCH is the first sign a flood may occur, and when one is issued, you should be aware of potential flood hazards.

ACTIONS

Listen continuously to local weather for updated information and instructions.

Everyone in a WATCH area should be ready to respond and act quickly.

Be alert for signs of flooding and be ready to evacuate immediately.

Follow advice and instructions of local officials.

Fill bathtubs, sinks, and plastic bottles with clean water.

Move furniture and valuables to higher floors in your home.

Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

Stay out of areas that are prone to flooding.