#### **EMERGENCIES DO HAPPEN**









Know your neighbors. Plan together. Be ready.



# **Floods**

#### **Basic Safety Tips**

- Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths in the US.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

# **Flood Watch**

**Flood Watch= "Be Aware."** Conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.



### **Steps to Take**

- Turn on your TV/radio. You will receive the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Know where to go. You may need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.

# **Prepare Your Home**

- Bring in outdoor furniture and move important indoor items to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.
- Disconnect electrical appliances and don not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.
- If instructed, turn off your gas and electricity at the main switch or valve. This helps prevent fires and explosions.



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# **Flood Warning**

Flood Warning = "Take Action!" Flooding is either happening or will happen shortly.

# **Steps to Take**

- Move immediately to higher ground or stay on high ground.
- Evacuate if directed.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.



For more information on what to do before, during and after a flood, please visit Ready.gov.

# **During the Storm**

Should you or your property experience any dangerous situations during a storm event, Call 911.



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