



Essential Flood Kit

- ✓ Insurance documents
- ✓ Bank account details
- ✓ Birth and marriage certificates
- ✓ Recent tax returns
- ✓ Passport and licenses
- ✓ Prescription medication
- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Cash (banks or ATMs may be closed)
- ✓ Bottled water (change every six months)
- ✓ Non-perishable foods
- ✓ Baby food and care items
- ✓ Flashlight with spare batteries
- ✓ Battery radio
- ✓ Warm waterproof clothing
- ✓ Blankets and pillows



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HOW TO STAY SAFE DURING A FLOOD



So... you've received a flood warning in your area.

- ✓ You've moved your essential items to a higher place.
- ✓ You've done what you can to prevent water entering the house.
- ✓ You've done what you can to protect possessions you can't move.
- ✓ You've been monitoring the situation via television, radio, or the internet.

But what should you do during the flood itself?

- If you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 911 and give them correct location information.



SITUATION 1: AT HOME

If you remain in your home, the most important thing is to keep safe.

Move your family and pets upstairs or to a high place and have a means to escape. If members of your household are not at home, be sure they're somewhere safe.

- ◆ Make sure you have essential items with you, and fill jars and saucepans with clean water.
- ◆ If it looks like your home is about to be flooded, disconnect any equipment that uses water (e.g. washing machines or dishwashers).
- ◆ If it's unsafe to switch off your gas, water and electricity, stay away from all power and electrical wires.
- ◆ Avoid touching and walking through floodwater - it only takes six inches of flowing water to knock you off your feet.
- ◆ Floodwater can rise quickly - stay calm and reassure those around you.
- ◆ Use a battery operated radio to keep listening to local updates.
- ◆ If safe to do so, check in with vulnerable neighbors or relatives.

SITUATION 2: EVACUATION

In severe situations you'll be advised to seek shelter, whether that be at an emergency center or with family and friends in a safe area.

- ◆ Shut off water, gas and electrical services before leaving your house, ensuring all doors and windows are firmly locked.
- ◆ Don't forget your pets.
- ◆ Only follow recommended routes and never drive through flooded roads in case the roadbed has been washed out.
- ◆ Watch out for other hazards, such as fallen trees or power lines.
- ◆ If the road has been blocked, find another route. Don't drive around barricades.
- ◆ Be cautious, especially at night - it only takes a few inches of water to lose control of your car.
- ◆ If the car stalls or water rises around it, abandon it immediately. Your car may float and can be swept away by less than two feet of water.
- ◆ Climb to higher ground as quickly as possible.