

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE:

- Take photos of all the rooms in your home before the flood threatens.
- Place flood barriers around vulnerable areas.
- Turn off the gas and electricity.
- Elevate electronic devices, appliances, furniture, rugs, important documents, etc.
- Close and board up the windows to the basement and the first story of the home.
- Prepare your car with a full tank of gas.
- Have your emergency kit ready.
- Have your family communications plan ready.

DURING:

- Get to higher ground!
- Keep your pets close to you.
- Do not drive, walk, or swim across flooded areas.
- Do not get near downed power lines.
- Be careful walking on or around debris and mud.

AFTER:

- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Have a professional do an in-depth inspection of your home, including the power.
- Keep all appliances unplugged until you're sure it's safe to use them again.
- Make sure gas leaks are not present.
- Take photos of your home and document any damage.
- Move damaged belongings to a place where they can air-dry.
- Toss food that touched flood water.
- Don't pump the water out of the basement too quickly.
- Ventilate your home and use dehumidifiers to prevent the growth of mold and mildew.
- Be careful with snakes and insects.