

## **Flood**

### **Before**

Learn the flood warning signs and alert signals of your community.

Collect emergency building materials if you live in a frequently flooded area: plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber, nails, shovels and sandbags.

Prepare a [survival kit](#).

Plan and practice an evacuation route. Establish a meeting place should your family get separated.

Review how to shut off utilities in an emergency with all family members.

Check your insurance policy. Ask your insurance agent about flood insurance. Homeowners policies do not usually cover flood damage.

### **During**

Listen to a battery operated radio or television for the latest storm information. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Move to high ground, avoid rising waters and do not walk or drive through any floodwaters.

Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.

### **After**

Listen to the radio and do not return home until authorities indicate it is safe to do so.

Be watchful of snakes that may have found their way into your home.

Throw away all food that has come in contact with floodwaters.

If your basement has flooded, pump out the water gradually. Remove about 1/3 per day to avoid structural damage.

Promptly report the loss to your insurance.