

BEFORE A FLOOD

To prepare for a flood, you should:

- Elevate the furnace, water heater, and electric panel if susceptible to flooding.
- Install "check valves" in sewer traps to prevent from backing up into the drains of your home.
- Seal the walls in your basement with waterproof compounds to avoid seepage.

KEEP EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT IN UPPER LEVEL OF HOME.

DURING A FLOOD

If flooding is occurring or threat of flooding is imminent, you should:

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- If there is a possibility of flash floods move immediately to higher ground.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels, and other areas known to flood suddenly.

If you must prepare to evacuate, you should do the following:

- Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture. Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so by local authorities.
Disconnect electrical appliances.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if you or the appliance is wet or in standing in water.

If you have to evacuate your home remember these evacuation tips:

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your vehicle, abandon the vehicle and move to higher ground.

AFTER A FLOOD

The following are guidelines for the period following a flood:

- Listen to local media news reports for community updates and resources.
- Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, other hazardous chemicals or raw sewage.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded.
- Roads and bridges may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
- Clean and disinfect everything that was in contact with floodwater.
Residue left by can contain sewage and chemicals.