

What to Do During a Flood Watch or Flood Warning



- Listen to the radio or tv or check the internet to see whether a flood watch or flood warning has been posted for your area. A flood **watch** means that flooding is possible. A flood **warning** indicates that flood is expected or is occurring.
- Check for instructions from your local emergency management agency or other local officials via the radio, TV, or internet.
- Locate your pre-assembled emergency kit and prepare other items to take with you in the event of an evacuation.
- Move valuable items from basements and ground-floor levels to higher areas.
- Turn off electricity at your breaker or fuse box and close your main gas valve. For fuel oil or propane tanks, turn off the fuel valve at the tank. Bring outdoor possessions inside or secure them adequately.
- Place sandbags anywhere water may enter your home.
- If instructed to do so, leave immediately. Avoid areas of high or moving water and downed power lines along your evacuation route.
- If floodwaters enter your home or business before you can leave safely, move to the highest level, including the roof. It may take hours or even days before help can arrive.

For additional information about what to do during a flood, visit

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/hazard-mitigation-planning>