## **Safety Tips**Flooding



## **Plan Ahead:**

- Seal basement windows and doors
- Install a sump pump
- Check your insurance coverage
- Don't store important items in your basement
- Clear and secure rain gutters and downspouts

## **During a Flood:**

- Monitor weather and news reports
- Have your emergency kit ready to take with you
- Do not attempt to shut off electricity if water is present
- Never cross flooded areas and avoid rivers/streams

## **After a Flood:**

- Do not return home until you know it's safe
- Have a qualified electrician check power
- Avoid contact with flood waters, which may be contaminated
- Water may not be safe to drink, cook or clean with after a flood
- Be careful of mould and contamination during the cleanup