

Safety Tips Flooding



Plan Ahead:

- Know the risks in your community – what areas are prone to flooding?
- Make a plan – consider the resources you have available and what additional assistance your household may need (mobility, transportation, etc.)
- Have “go bags” ready with supplies for everyone in your household, including medications, pet supplies, and USB or paper copies of important documents
- If you live in a home with a basement - seal windows and doors, install a sump pump if you can, and move important items to a higher level
- Check for any leaks during rainy weather and fix them or inform your landlord
- Document or take photos of your property and belongings for insurance purposes
- Check your insurance coverage before a storm, so you know what is covered and who you need to contact
- Clear rain gutters, downspouts, and storm drains
- If there is a drain near your property, make sure it is free of any debris

During a Flood:

- Monitor weather and news reports or consider downloading a weather app such as WeatherCan.
- Be prepared if you must evacuate - have your go bag or emergency kit ready to take with you
- Do not attempt to shut off electricity if water is present
- Avoid rivers/streams, the water level may have risen and banks may be unstable.
- DO NOT cross flood waters, including driving through flooded streets
- Follow any instructions or evacuation orders from authorities

After a Flood:

- Do not return home until authorities tell you it's safe to do so
- 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 – well water should be tested before use
- Be careful of mould and contamination during the cleanup