



**American
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Listen to area radio and television stations or a NOAA Weather Radio for evacuation announcements that apply to your area. *If you are told to evacuate, be ready to act immediately.* If you come upon a flooded road while driving, turn around and go another way. Make every attempt to evacuate during daylight hours. ***Remember: listen to local authorities and do what they ask you to do.***

Be proactive and prepare the following items to take with you should the time come:

- any medicines or other medical supplies needed by members of the family
- feeding formulas for infants or special food for those with specific dietary requirements
- a pillow, blanket or other comfort item for each member of the family
- a change of clothing
- a few non-perishable snacks and water,
- flashlights, a battery-powered radio, and extra batteries for both
- books and simple toys for your children.
- important documents such as picture i.d. and insurance papers
- emergency arrangements for your pets: if you need a shelter for your pets call Prairie Paws Rescue 701-269-2206 or 701-320-4553. Have a copy of immunization records for the rescue team

If you are asked to evacuate, and can make one call before you leave home, call someone you love and tell them you are safe. Then, ask them to register you on Safe and Well.

Register on the Red Cross Safe and Well Website at www.redcross.org.

- The Safe and Well Website allows those directly affected by a disaster to let their loved ones know of their well-being.
- For those that do not have internet access, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to register yourself and your family. Follow the prompts for disaster information.
- Concerned family members who know the person's phone number (home, cell or work) or a complete home address can search for the messages posted by those who self-register.

Be Red Cross Ready

Flood Safety Checklist

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Conditions that cause floods include heavy or steady rain for several hours or days that saturate the ground. Flash floods occur suddenly due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area.

Know the Difference

Flood/Flash Flood Watch – Flooding or flash flooding is possible in your area.

Flood/Flash Flood Warning – Flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.

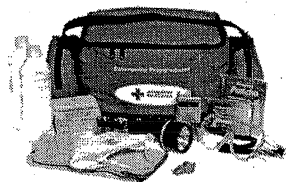
What should I do?

**EMERGENCY
EVACUATION
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- Listen to area radio and television stations and a NOAA Weather Radio for possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress or other critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
 - Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
 - When a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, head for higher ground and stay there.
 - Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off of your feet.
 - If you come upon a flooded road while driving, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water.
 - Keep children out of the water; they are curious and often lack judgment about running water or contaminated water.
 - Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood danger.
- Water – one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
 - Food – non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
 - Flashlight
 - Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
 - Extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
 - Multi-purpose tool
 - Sanitation and personal hygiene items
 - Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
 - Cell phone with chargers
 - Family and emergency contact information
 - Extra cash
 - Emergency blanket
 - Map(s) of the area
 - Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
 - Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
 - Tools/supplies for securing your home
 - Extra set of car keys and house keys
 - Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
 - Rain gear
 - Insect repellent and sunscreen
 - Camera for photos of damage

What supplies do I need?



What do I do after a flood?



- Return home only when officials have declared the area safe.
- Before entering your home, look outside for loose power lines, damaged gas lines, foundation cracks or other damage.
- Parts of your home may be collapsed or damaged – approach entrances carefully. See if porch roofs and overhangs have all their supports.
- Watch out for wild animals, especially poisonous snakes that may have come into your home with the floodwater.
- If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call the fire department.
- If power lines are down outside your home, do not step in puddles or standing water.
- Keep children and pets away from hazardous sites and floodwater.
- Materials such as cleaning products, paint, batteries, contaminated fuel and damaged fuel containers are hazardous. Check with local authorities for assistance with disposal to avoid risk.
- During cleanup, wear protective clothing, including rubber gloves and rubber boots.
- Make sure your food and water are safe. Discard items that have come in contact with floodwater, including canned goods, water bottles, plastic utensils and baby bottle nipples. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.
- Contact your local or state public health department for specific recommendations for boiling or treating water in your area after a disaster as water may be contaminated.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community experiences a flood, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have internet access, call 1-800-RED CROSS to register yourself and your family.

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For more information on flood safety and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.