

Emergency Management Mid-Monthly Message



"Eddy the Ready Dragon"

Eddy says...

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Possible Floods incoming!

Here are some steps on how to prepare **before, during** and **after** a flood.

Before a Flood:

- Check and update your emergency kit and family communications plan.
- Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.
- Consider installing "check valves" to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains of your home.
- If feasible, construct barriers to stop floodwater from entering the building and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.

During a Flood:

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Be aware of stream, drainage channels, canyons and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with or without typical warnings such as rain clouds or heavy rain.
- If you have to evacuate do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.

After a Flood:

- A flood can cause physical hazards and emotional stress. You need to look after yourself and your family as you focus on cleanup and repair.
- Use local alerts and warning systems to get information and expert informed advice as soon as available.
- Stay away from damaged areas unless your assistance has been specifically requested by police, fire, or relief organization. Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Turn off the electricity at the main breaker or fuse box, even if the power is off in your community. That way, you can decide when your home is dry enough to turn it back on.

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