

What to do...

*Floods are
here to stay...
Preparedness
is our best
defense*



Before a Flood (Preparedness)

- Know your risk: check if you live in a flood-prone area. Sign up for local emergency alerts (<https://www.readynh.gov/>).
- Create an emergency kit (water, food, flashlight, batteries, meds, important documents).
- Make a family evacuation plan.
- Move valuables and hazardous materials to higher ground.
- Check your insurance coverage (flood insurance is separate).
- Protect your property: clear drains, gutters, and secure fuel tanks.
- Clear out driveway culvert to reduce culvert clogging.



*Take this survey
about flood
preparedness*

During a Flood (Response)

- Follow instructions from local authorities—evacuate if told to.
- Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwaters (“Turn Around, Don’t Drown”).
- Move to higher ground or the highest floor of your home if trapped.
- Avoid downed power lines and electrical equipment.
- Keep your emergency kit with you.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local updates for real-time info.



After a Flood (Recovery)

- Return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Avoid standing water (it may be contaminated or electrically charged).
- Document damage with photos for insurance claims.
- Wear protective clothing and gloves when cleaning.
- Disinfect items that got wet; throw away anything that can’t be cleaned.
- Beware of mold growth; dry out your home quickly.
- Seek disaster assistance if available (FEMA, Red Cross, local resources).
- Take care of your health—floods can increase stress and mental health needs.