



FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Take steps to protect you and your family before the flood

Secure your home

- Contact your local health department to familiarize yourself with community emergency plans.
- Speak to your insurance company about flood coverage.
- List emergency numbers and contacts near phones.
- If you live in a flood zone, raise electrical components, furnace, and water heater above flood zone level.
- Install backflow valves for drains, toilets, and other sewer connections.
- Install sump pumps with back-up power.

In the case of a flood watch or warning:

- Gather emergency supplies (learn how on the next page!).
- Stay informed. Listen to local weather reports.
- Turn off power.
- If time allows:
 - Bring outdoor possessions indoors and secure them.
 - Fill bathtubs, sinks, and plastic bottles with clean water.
 - **Do not walk through water.** If water levels begin to rise, immediately seek higher ground.
 - Prepare for evacuation.
 - Make transportation arrangements and make sure the gas tank is full.
 - Check on friends, family, and neighbors that may be isolated or unaware of the situation.
 - Collect important documents including ID cards, insurance cards, and medical records.

In the case of an ordered evacuation:

- Turn off the gas, electricity, and water.
- Disconnect appliances.
- Listen to evacuation orders and follow evacuation route.
- Take emergency supplies (see next page).
- Avoid flood zones and remain informed by listening to weather reports.
- Map a safe evacuation route in advance.

Assemble a Disaster Emergency Kit

- 3-day supply of water (one gallon of water per person, per day)
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food (and can opener)
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Cell phone and charger
- Flashlight and batteries
- First aid kit (bandages, gauze, tweezers, disinfectant, gloves, pain relievers, thermometer, etc.)
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask
- Survival blanket (also known as a space blanket)
- Extra cash (about \$50)
- Pocket knife
- Wrench to turn off utilities
- Medications, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, plastic ties, and garbage bags
- Local maps for evacuation
- Change of clothes (including rain jacket, gloves, hat, etc.)

Resources

- readywisconsin.wi.gov/make-a-plan/
- dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate



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