



LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022 – 2028

Appendix 8 Preparing for a flood



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Overview

Flooding can happen fast so sometimes there is very little time to prepare. If your home or business is at flood risk then there are steps you can take to be better prepared if a flood does happen. See [Living with Water - Be Flood Aware](#) for more information and follow flood CPR.

Be prepared

Check:

- The flood warning system to see if your property is at risk
- Where water could enter your property
- Your insurance ([FloodRe](#))



Plan & prepare:

- Install property flood resilience measures
- Create a personal flood plan
- Prepare an emergency flood kit

Register:

- For flood warnings to alert you of river and tidal flooding.



Flood Alert - prepare

- Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- Check flood warnings

Flood Warning - act

- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things to a higher floor/level
- Move family, pets and car to safety

Severe Flood Warning - survive

- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe

Useful advice



WHAT TO DO

- Pay attention to weather forecasts.
- Check online or listen to the radio or television for information on flooding risk.
- Construct barriers to stop floodwater from entering your home.
- Be prepared! Assemble an emergency kit in case you need to evacuate. Don't forget to include necessary prescription medications and a small first aid kit.
- If possible, bring in outdoor furniture and move important items to an upper floor or above possible flood levels.



WHAT TO AVOID

- Avoid low spots, like ditches, basements, or underpasses.
- Do not walk through flooded areas. It is not always easy to see how deep water is or any obstacles that may be obscured.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water



After a flood

- ✓ If you evacuated, only return home when authorities say it is safe.
- ✓ Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by raw sewage etc. Water may also be electrically charged from underground or fallen power lines.
- ✓ Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads and bridges may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- ✓ Stay away from fallen power lines and report them to the power company.
- ✓ Stay out of any building if it is still surrounded by floodwaters.
- ✓ Service damaged sewage systems as soon as possible as they are serious health hazards.
- ✓ Only pump water out of a flooded building when water has receded outside.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect everything that was stuck in flooded waters. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage and chemicals.

Additional information

More information on preparing for a flood can be found at the following websites:

- <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>
- <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding>
- <https://www.hull.gov.uk/environment/adverse-weather/flooding>
- <https://livingwithwater.co.uk/be-flood-aware>
- <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/how-to-prepare-for-floods-and-flooding>