



At-A-Glance Flooding

A Preparedness Resource from The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

Safety Tips Before a Flood...

- If a flood is possible, monitor the radio, television, and online news sources for information.
- Know the difference between a **flood watch** and a **flood warning**. A watch means flooding is **possible**. A warning means flooding **is occurring or will occur soon**.
- Be prepared! Pack a bag with important items in case you need to evacuate. Don't forget to include essential medications, food and water, and a battery-powered radio.



Safety Tips During a Flood...

- Never drive through moving water or standing water
- If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and safely move to higher ground.
- Avoid walking through moving water. As little as 6 inches of moving water can cause injury. If you have to walk in water, whenever possible walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.
- Notify the utilities company if you notice downed power lines.

Safety Tips During Flood Evacuation...

- If advised to evacuate your home, do so immediately.
- If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground.
- If possible, move essential items to an upper floor.

Safety Tips After a Flood...

- Listen for news reports to learn whether the community's water supply is safe to drink.
- Avoid floodwaters. Water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, or raw sewage.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.

Sources: ready.gov, redcross.org

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