Before a Flood — Make a Plan

Where it can rain, it can flood!

Know Your Terms

**Flood Watch (Be Prepared):** A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a flooding in your area. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible. You should prepare to take action should flooding occur.

**Flood Warning (Take Action!):** A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. You should take action immediately.

**Flood Advisory: (Be Aware):** A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is expected to cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to life safety issues or property damage.

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**If you are in your car**

**Remember! Turn Around Don’t Drown!**
Just six inches of water will reach the bottom of most cars, causing loss of control & possible stalling.

**Avoid areas already flooded.**
A foot of water will float many vehicles

**Never drive through flooded roadways.**
Roadbeds may be washed out under flood waters and just two feet of moving water can sweep an SUV off the road.

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**If you are in your home**

Listen to the radio, television, or your Weather Radio for information.
If you are ordered to evacuate, leave your home!

- If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture. Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

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**Know About Flood Insurance**

Most homeowners and renters’ insurance policies typically **DO NOT** cover flood damage.

For information on flood insurance in PA, visit PA Insurance Department’s one-stop shop at: www.insurance.pa.gov/coverage.

There is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance policies to become effective.

One inch of water can cause $25,000 worth of damage to your home.

More than 90% of PA flood reports since 1993 were outside of a flood zone.