

Simple actions in case you are faced with floodwaters:

Protect Yourself and Your Belongings!

Here's what you can do to stay safe during or following a flood:

- If flooding occurs, go to higher ground, and avoid areas subject to flooding.
- Do not attempt to walk across flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways. *Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet and 2 feet of water can sweep a vehicle away!*
- If water rises in your home before you evacuate, go to the top floor, attic, or roof.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio for the latest storm information.
- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if advised to do so.
- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- If you come into contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.
- Return to your lodging only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris. Floodwaters often erode and weaken roads and walkways.

Source: U.S. Gov./ FEMA and the ready.gov website