



Short Safety Subject

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Getting Ready For Rains And Floods

When it come to safety, it's better to plan for the worst and hope for the best. Just in case the original predictions were correct, the following information tells you what precautions to take during and after the storm.

WHEN YOU RECEIVE A STORM WARNING

- Store drinking water in closed, clean containers. Water service may be interrupted.
- If flooding is likely and time permits, move items to upper floors.
- If advised to leave the premises, cut off all electric circuits at the fuse panel by pulling the main switch or disconnect all electrical equipment.
- Shut off gas service at the valve next to the meter and turn off the water service at the main valve.

DURING THE STORM

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not try to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees.
- Do not try to drive over a flooded road. You could be stranded and trapped.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Many people drown while trying to rescue their cars.
- Do not "sight see" in areas where flooding or snowfall is occurring. Do not try to enter areas closed by local law enforcement agencies.
- Avoid unnecessary trips. Advise others of your destination.
- Use the telephone for emergency needs or to report dangerous conditions.
- Beware of downed power lines or broken gas lines. Report them immediately to your local gas or electric utility company police or fire department.
- Stay tuned to one of your local radio or television station for emergency information.

AFTER THE STORM

- Do not turn the gas back on yourself. Call your local gas company to do it for you.
- Use flashlights, not lanterns or matches to examine buildings.
- Make sure drinking water is not contaminated.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. If electrical equipment have been in contact with water, do not use them until local authorities or a licensed and qualified electrician tells you they are safe.
- Continue to beware of downed power line or broken gas lines