

City of Fairfax

Flood Safety Checklist



Flood/Flash Flood Watch

- Conditions are favorable for flooding or flash flooding is possible in the watch area.
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or local/TV weather broadcasts and be prepared to take protective measures should a warning be issued.
- Review your communication and evacuation plans.
- Secure or bring inside any loose items outside that could be affected flood waters.
- Verify the location of utility shut-off switches.
- Ensure all storm drains are clear and free of debris.
- If in a building located in a flood prone area move valuable items to an upper level if possible.
- Make sure you have your disaster supply kits available.
 - For information on how to build a disaster kit visit www.fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts for updated information.

Flood/Flash Flood Warning

- Flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in the warning area.
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or local/TV weather broadcasts and take protective measures immediately. Move to higher ground.
- Evacuate if instructed to do so.
- If time permits, complete watch checklist actions.
- If in a flood prone area and instructed by officials, shut off utilities.
- When driving, if water covers the roadway, turn around, don't drown. Use another route to get to your destination.
- If your vehicle stalls in water abandon it immediately and move to higher ground.
- If walking do not cross water covered areas that are higher than your ankle. A few inches of water can sweep you off your feet.
- Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to recognize floodwaters.
- Avoid puddles near downed electrical lines and anything that may be touching the downed lines.
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For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit Fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp

