

Know Your Resources

- American Red Cross: This is a response organization available to assist you and your loved ones during a disaster. They will also provide you with the necessary help needed for recovery.
- NOAA Watch: This website shows recent weather activity along with watches and warnings in your area.
- FEMA.gov: Provides information for preparing, recovering, and getting the help you need for any disaster.

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Frequent Causes of Flooding

- Spring Thaw: Frozen land prevents melting snow or rain from absorbing into the ground. This can lead to the overflow of nearby bodies of water. Combine this with spring storms and the result is often serious spring flooding.
- Heavy Rains: Excessive rainfall can cause flooding all throughout the year and can put you and your property in danger.
- Levees and Dams: Designed to protect against a certain level of flooding. If the levees and dams do not receive the required maintenance, they can collapse.
- Flash Floods: A rapid flooding of low-lying areas, caused by heavy

rainfall, in a period of less than six hours.

- New Development: Construction alters the natural drainage system and creates new flood risks.
- Find out what the flood risk is in your area, and learn about ways to prepare by visiting FEMA.gov.



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Prepare Your Home

- If you live in a high flood risk area, elevate the furnace, water heater, and electric panel in your home.
- To prevent flood water from backing up into the

drains of your home, install check valves.

- Construct barriers to stop flood water from entering your home.
- Seal walls in the basement with waterproofing compounds.

Protect Your Business

- Plan for an instance where your building may not be accessible. Consider the possibility of running your business from home. Make arrangements with other companies to use their facilities during an emergency.
- Create a survival and recovery plan.
- Know how your company functions and determine which staff, materials, procedures, and equipment are necessary to keep the business running.

