

# SEVERE WEATHER

## Flash Flooding

### FLOOD VERSUS FLASH FLOOD



#### FLOOD

An overflow of water onto normally dry land. The inundation of a normally dry area caused by rising water in an existing waterway, such as a river, stream or drain ditch. Ponding of water at or near the point where the rain fell. Flooding is more of a long-term event and may last days or even weeks.

#### FLASH FLOOD

A flood caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time, generally less than six hours. Flash floods are characterized by raging torrents after heavy rains that rip through river beds, urban streets or mountain canyons. Flash floods will sweep everything before them. They can occur within minutes or a few hours of excessive rainfall.

## AFTER A FLOOD



#### AVOID FLOOD WATERS

Standing water can hide washed out roads, debris, sewage or even wildlife such as snakes or alligators.



#### HEED ROAD CLOSURES

Do not attempt to drive around barricades, they are there to protect you.



#### TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

It is hard to gauge the depth of fast-moving water. Never attempt to drive into water of an unknown depth. Twelve inches of water can carry away smaller cars and knock adults off their feet. Eighteen to 24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.



#### BE AWARE OF RESOURCES

Listen to government officials on social media or local news regarding food, shelter and other forms of assistance.



#### CHECK WATER AND PERISHABLES

Check for food spoilage and only use bottled, boiled or treated water until drinking supplies are declared safe.



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