At-A-Glance

Flooding

- If a flood is possible, monitor the radio, television, and online news sources for information.
- Know the difference between a **flood watch** and a **flood warning**.
- A flood watch means flooding is *possible*.
- A flood warning means flooding *is occurring or will occur soon*.
- Be prepared! Pack a bag with important items in case you need to evacuate. Don't forget to include essential medications, food and water, and a battery-powered radio.

Safety Tips Before a Flood…

- Build an Emergency kit and make a family communications plan.

- Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate and reinforce your home.

- Elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.

- Consider installing "check valves" to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains of your home.

- If feasible, construct barriers to stop flood water from entering the building and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.

Did you know?

A car can be easily carried away by just two feet of floodwater.

For additional information on flooding, go to www.ready.gov.

Safety Tips During Flooding…

- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.

- Be aware of stream, drainage channels, canyons and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with or without typical warnings such as rain clouds or heavy rain.

- If you must evacuate, you should secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture. Move essential items to an upper floor.

Safety Tips After a Flood…

- Use local alerts and warning systems to get information and expert informed advice as soon as available.

- Avoid moving water. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

- Stay away from damaged areas unless your assistance has been specifically requested by police, fire, or relief organization.

Sources: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)