

Flash Flooding Safety

Before

1. If it is raining heavily, or you are in a mountainous area, it's a good idea to keep listening to **local** radio or television stations. You may hear about a flash flood watch for your area, keep your eye on the weather.
2. If you hear about a flash flood warning, climb to higher ground immediately. A warning means that flash flooding is actually taking place somewhere in the area covered by the warning.
3. Leave your car, camping gear, or other belongings where they are. You may have only minutes to escape the path of the flood.
4. Flash floods can happen **without warning**. If you hear a rumbling sound, if animals are running away from where you are, or if you feel the ground shaking, climb to higher ground immediately.

During/After

1. **Do not** try to walk or swim through swiftly flowing water.
2. Do not drive through flooded areas.
3. Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Just because power lines are broken or lying on the ground does **NOT** mean they are safe! Keep a radio on for news and updates, and use those travel routes recommended by local authorities.
4. **Do not** return to the disaster areas until authorized to do so.

