

# 5 Tips to Protect Your Family and Home from a Flood

Preparing for a flood doesn't take a lot of time and effort, and the payoff is undeniable: it can save your family's lives. Begin by opting in to your community's local emergency system and to alerts and updates from your emergency management agency. And to weather even the most powerful storms, take the five precautions below.

1

## Do Your Homework

When is best to prepare for a flood? Right now, long before storm clouds gather on the horizon. It's easy to identify your community's flood zones, evacuation routes and alert systems for emergency notifications. Municipalities post this information on their websites, and you can visit <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search> to download flood maps for your neighborhood.



## Make A Plan

2



Families living on floodplains, near large bodies of water or where hurricanes are active should make a readiness plan — and put it in writing. Run through multiple scenarios and decide how your family will communicate if you become separated. Additionally, pick a safe and well-known place to meet up, like a community emergency shelter. Visit [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan) for printable plan templates you can refer to whenever extreme weather threatens your community.

3

## Build A Survival Kit

Assemble a flood readiness kit with enough water and non-perishable food for your family for one week, including two or more flashlights, batteries, a portable radio, one or more charged cell phone power banks, medications and first-aid supplies. Additionally, consider making a second kit and keeping it in the trunk of your car or truck. Visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit> for a list of the essentials.



## Safeguard Your Home

4



After a flood warning, it's too late to buy flood insurance or boost your coverage. Your insurer won't compensate you for any damages that aren't specified in your current policy. Don't put this task off for a rainy day: protect your home now by carefully reviewing your coverage and increasing it, if necessary, to meet your needs. Visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/> to learn about the National Flood Insurance Program.

5

## Stash Some Cash

In the event of a severe flood, cash is king. Power outages knock out ATMs and prevent stores from accepting credit and debit cards. Set aside enough cash for at least a week's worth of necessities, like gas for the car, to keep your family healthy and safe.



Stay up-to-date before, during and after the storm by visiting [www.onsolve.com/crmobile](http://www.onsolve.com/crmobile) and downloading the CodeRED® Mobile Alert app available in the App Store and Google Play.

### About OnSolve® CodeRED®

OnSolve® CodeRED®, the market-leading emergency notification and alerting product for the public sector, efficiently and effectively delivers geo-targeted, time-sensitive information to targeted individuals who have opted into the service. We send over two billion alerts per year using a wide range of communication devices and channels, including voice, email, SMS and IPAWS. With more than 60 years of proven support to both the public and private sectors, OnSolve delivers critical event management solutions that give our customers the ability to proactively keep everyone informed, instill confidence, foster teamwork, mitigate disruptions, improve operational outcomes, protect assets, and save lives.

LEARN MORE

Visit [OnSolve.com](http://OnSolve.com) to learn more.