

# Be Aware and Prepare: Flooding in Arkansas

What can you do to protect yourself and your property? Think ahead. Be aware and prepare. Follow the simple guidelines outlined below.

## Be Aware. Stay Aware.

- Watch TV, listen to the radio and use websites to get information about flood stages and forecasts.
- Get and use a NOAA all-hazards weather radio. National Weather Radio broadcasts official Weather Service forecasts, watches, warnings and other hazard information 24-7.
- Learn how to turn off electrical power to major appliances and your home.

## Plan and Prepare.

- Put together an emergency plan and make sure all family members know it. Don't forget about companion animals and livestock. For help, go to [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).
- Plan an evacuation route and make sure the entire family knows it. Know where you and family members will meet if you are separated. Plan alternate routes; some streets and roads may be flooded.
- Protect valuable documents and financial papers such as birth and marriage certificates, business records, insurance policies, deeds and credit card information in a safe deposit box or in floodproof containers. If possible, scan and save documents on a flash drive that you can carry if you need to evacuate.
- Assemble an evacuation supply kit. Include water, nonperishable food, first aid supplies and prescription medicines, flashlights, battery powered radio, clothing, blankets, mosquito repellent, personal hygiene supplies, cash, credit cards, emergency contacts and phone numbers.
- Store emergency supplies in sealed plastic bags or in floodproof containers.
- Make an inventory of your property and belongings. Include the purchase price and date of purchase of each item. Video or photograph items and store inventory with your other valuables.
- Learn how to build a sandbag dike around your home or property. Have sandbags and plastic sheeting on hand.
- Make sure your backup generators and sump pumps are working.
- Know how to turn off gas and electricity to your home and property.
- **Be ready.** If asked to evacuate, do so immediately.

For more information:  
[www.aragriculture.org/disaster/](http://www.aragriculture.org/disaster/)

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