

# ALWAYS READY FOR: FLOODS



Floods are the most common natural-weather event and occurs when a lot of water overflows onto land that is dry. Floods can be a few inches of water or cover an entire house. Flooding is caused by spring snow thaw, heavy rains, and when dams or levees break. You are at greater risk of experiencing a flood if you are located in a low-lying area, live near water, or downstream from a dam.



A car can be taken away in as little as two feet of water. When you see water on the roadway, turn around don't drown.



A 2,000 square foot home with 12 inches of water damage from a flood could cost more than \$50,000.



It only takes 6 inches of moving flood water to knock a person off their feet. Seek higher ground during floods.

Flood Categories (in feet)	
Major Flood Stage:	16
Moderate Flood Stage:	15
Flood Stage:	13.5
Action Stage:	13
Low Stage (in feet):	10.5

Flood Stages for Fox River  
Source: National Weather Service

# FLOOD SAFETY



**Flash Flood** - A flood that can happen in a few minutes or hours of heavy rainfall, dam/levee failure, or drains overflowing.

**Flood Watch** - A message that flooding is possible.

**Flood Warning** - A message that flooding will happen soon or is happening.

## BEFORE THE FLOOD

- ✓ Know your risk
- ✓ Sign up for emergency notifications
- ✓ Prepare your home by updating your insurance to cover flood incidents and ensure sump pumps are in working order.

## AFTER THE FLOOD

- ✓ Stay informed of conditions and information from public officials
- ✓ Assess and take pictures of any damages
- ✓ Wait for an all clear before entering a flood area or your damaged home.

## DURING THE FLOOD

- ✓ If you are told to evacuate do so immediately and move to higher ground.
- ✓ Do not go into any room if water is covering the electrical outlets.



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