

Being prepared for flooding can help to keep you safe - here are some actions you can take:



Sign up for...

- flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>
- MET Office warnings: <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMETOFFICE/subscriber/new>

Check for...

- long term flood risk: <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>
- weather warnings: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings>

- download an app on your mobile phone for high tide times, for example Tide Times UK
- save the Floodline number to your mobile phone contacts list:
0345 988 1188 - use this number to report flooding in your area or if your home is flooded
- you can buy sandbags from a local builders' merchants or online in advance of an event. It is your responsibility to protect your property, not that of the local council and Environment Agency
- consider other property protection measures recommended by the National Flood Forum -
<https://bluepages.org.uk>
- assemble an emergency kit (see over page for what to include)
- keep important information and documents handy (in a waterproof container) – including insurance information with the 24-hour claims contact number
- have a plan in place for your pets in case you must leave your home temporarily
- keep water-tight storage handy to store valuable items in
- if your home has two or more floors, move what you can upstairs or store any valuable items with friends or family
- take detailed photos of your property and contents **now**. If flooding occurs, the images may provide insurance claims justification to the loss adjusters
- if you have a vehicle, ensure it has sufficient fuel and is parked out of the area at risk of flooding



Emergency flood kit

Being prepared with a flood kit 'grab bag' is key to minimising the risks and surviving the worst, whether you choose to stay in your home or are evacuated to a rest centre.

Essentials

- medication – prescription medication/repeat prescription forms
- documents – including insurance documents
- electricals – mobile phone and charger
- finance – emergency cash and credit card

Children's essentials

- milk and baby food
- sterilised bottles and spoons
- nappies, wipes and nappy bags
- clothing
- comforter/toy

Considerations

- pen and paper
- physical list of emergency numbers, such as insurance, local council, emergency services, family and friends
- torch and batteries or a wind-up torch
- blankets/sleeping bag
- warm/waterproof clothing
- wash kit containing essential items
- non-perishable food
- entertainment (board game/playing cards)
- bottled water or water container
- disinfecting wipes/hand sanitiser
- first aid kit
- pet food



Other things to consider

- fit a toilet pan seal to prevent unwanted water or sewage flooding your home through a downstairs toilet
- don't walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Six inches of fast-flowing water can knock you over and two feet of water can float a car
- turn off gas, electricity and water at the mains before any water enters your home
- avoid contact with floodwater - it may be contaminated with sewage

Multi-agency emergency plans will be activated in the event of a flood and people affected will get support.

You can find out more about flooding, if your property is at risk, and what you can do if flooding happens here or <https://www.arun.gov.uk/flooding-information/>

