A Flood Watch or a Warning: What’s the difference?

**WATCH**

A flood watch means flooding is possible. A flash flood watch means water can get higher very quickly. Be ready to move to higher ground. Stay tuned to the internet, television or an NOAA Weather Radio for information.

**WARNING**

A flood warning means water is now rising over land. Stay alert. Stay tuned to the internet, television or NOAA Weather Radio. Follow any evacuation instructions. A flash flood warning means water is moving very fast over land. Run to higher ground NOW.

What you can do before a flood

- Complete the FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANNING FORM with your family. Review your EVACUATION PLAN(S) with your family and practice what you need to do if you have to evacuate, including how to get a person with limited mobility or no mobility out of the house. If a person has a mobility device and/or a service animal, practice getting the person out both with AND without that mobility device and/or service animal.

- If your plan includes using your vehicle(s) to evacuate, make sure there is enough gas in the vehicle(s) at all times.

- Follow any directions to evacuate from emergency personnel broadcast on Television, Internet, NOAA, or local radio.

- Get flood insurance. Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods.

The dangers of electricity

Don’t touch anything electrical if you are wet or standing in water! Electricity can flow through water and can kill you. Stay away from power lines that have fallen down.

For more information about flood insurance, visit www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program

- Secure your home by closing all doors, windows, and vents.

- If you have time, bring in anything from outside that can float away.

- Move pet(s)/service animal(s), things you need, and valuables to an upper floor.

- Turn off utilities at the main electrical switches. Unplug all electrical appliances.