

SAFETY TIPS DURING HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING

STAYING SAFE AT HOME OR IN THE OFFICE

In the event that your electricity should go out, check if you have space in your freezer then fill plastic containers with up to 90 percent of water. This will act as a coolant and keep the food cold.

Staying in touch: back up your computer regularly and consider investing in extra batteries for laptops, or a DC converter which allows most laptops to use the cigarette lighter in a car. Keep all mobile devices charged and have an extra phone that stays fully charged and kept somewhere safe and easily accessible.

Protect your electronics: use a surge protector for all appliances to protect them from shorting out.

Just in case: Have flashlights, spare batteries, bottled water, a power bank fully charged, food supply that doesn't require cooking, and a first aid kit.

Get familiar with your surroundings: know where your electric service panel is located. Check to make sure there isn't a leak near that area; if there is one, call the management office immediately to get that area looked at.



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AFTER THE RAINS HAVE RECEDED

Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Floodwaters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories and storage buildings. Spoiled food, flooded cosmetics, and medicines are all health hazards. When in doubt, throw them out.

Soaked carpeting and padding should be pulled up and discarded.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

The use of large fans can speed the drying process and curtail the development of mold.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you are sure that the gas has been turned off and the area has been aired out.



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WHEN OUT AND ABOUT

Do not walk or bike through flowing water. Flowing water that's over six inches deep is enough to make you lose your footing.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires as electrocution might occur.

