



Flooding, a temporary overflow of water onto dry land, is the most common natural disaster. It causes more damage than any other weather-related event, with about \$8 billion spent each year nationwide on cleanup. It's also one of America's most underrated killers, leading to nearly 90 deaths per year. Below are resources to help you and your community stay safe during a flood.

✓ BEFORE A FLOOD

- Stay informed! Check local news for updates or visit [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov).
- Know if your home or business is within a [flood plain](#); [NJ Coastal Atlas](#); [NJDOH Flooding and Precipitation](#)
- [Prepare for a flood](#) and [make a plan](#) for family, friends, and [pets](#).
- Assemble an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, and medication for several days. Also, a first aid kit, rubber gloves and boots, and flashlights with batteries.
- Prepare for possible evacuation. Pack clothing and essentials for your household and pets.
- Charge all essential electronics.

✓ DURING A FLOOD

- Stay informed [during a flood](#) by listening to the radio, TV, and NOAA Weather Radio.
- Get to higher ground if you live in a flood-prone area.
- Obey evacuation orders and lock your home when you leave.
- Practice electrical safety by avoiding the basement or any room with water-covered electrical outlets or submerged cords.
- Turn Around. Don't Drown! DO NOT walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.

✓ AFTER A FLOOD

- Pay attention to authorities for information and instructions [after a flood](#). If evacuated, return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid disaster areas. Your presence may hamper emergency operations.
- Avoid standing water that may have chemicals and bacteria that can make you sick.
- Avoid water with downed power lines that can cause electrocution.
- People with [asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression](#) should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled. Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.

Resources for Cleanup

- [Worker Safety and Health Resources for Hurricane and Flood Cleanup and Recovery](#) (OSHA)
- NJDOH Resources on [mold](#) after storms
- [Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disasters](#) (EPA)
- [Flooded Homes Cleanup Guidance](#) (EPA)
- [Resources for Flood Cleanup and Indoor Air Quality](#) (EPA)
- [Food and Water Safety During Power Outages and Floods](#) (FDA)
- [Tree Removal Safety](#) (NJDOH)

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