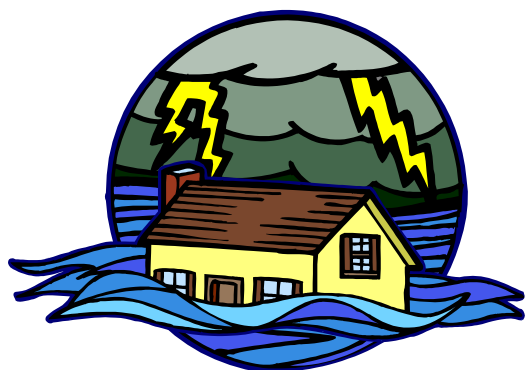


# JANUARY 2014

## FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH



**Don't get swept off your feet!**

Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States. They can cause deaths, injuries, significant property damage, and also contaminate drinking water and disrupt electrical service. These effects can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community, or regional, affecting entire river basins and multiple states.

- **Be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live, but especially if you live in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam.**
- **Start by assembling a flood emergency supplies kit that includes sandbags, plastic sheeting, plywood, lumber and tools.**
- **When flooding occurs, don't go to flood control channels and don't drive across flooded roads.**
- **Damage and other flooding losses are not covered by most homeowner's insurance policies. Contact your local insurance agent or call the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding special flood insurance at (800) 638-6620**

**✓ HEALTH TIP:**

Keep contact time with floodwaters to a minimum. Keep all children and pets out of the floodwaters when possible. The water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage. It is especially important to keep the water out of your mouth, eyes, and nose. Wash your hands frequently with soap and clean water if you are exposed to floodwaters.

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