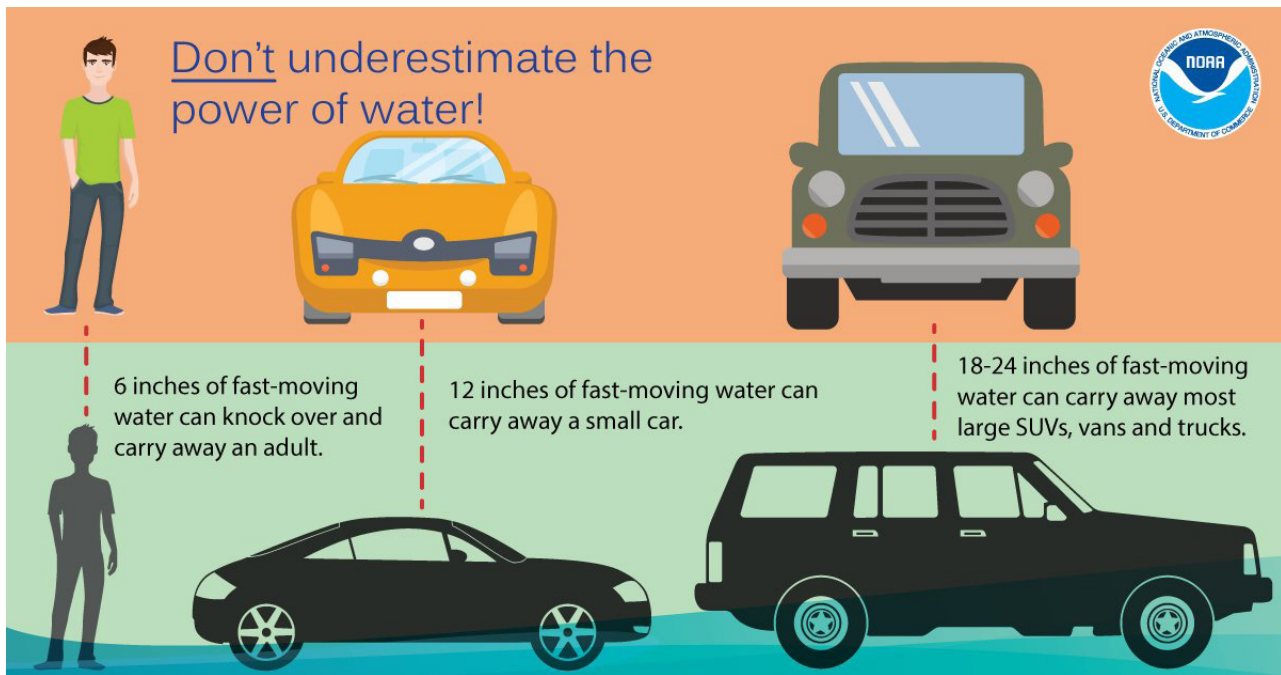


# SEVERE WEATHER PREPARATION: FLOODING



**FLOOD SAFETY TIP:** NEVER drive or walk into floodwaters. It is impossible to know how deep the water is just by looking at it. Turn Around Don't Drown!

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

**FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WATCH:** Conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area  
**WHAT TO DO:** "Be aware!" Be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice

**FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WARNING:** Flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area  
**WHAT TO DO:** "Take action!" Head for high ground and stay there

## DID YOU KNOW?

In many regions, climate change has brought more snowmelt, sea level rise, and more intense heavy rains. These trends often cause more flooding.

# FLOODING:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND HOW TO ACT

### BE PREPARED BEFORE A FLOOD

- Make a **family plan** including establishing a safe meeting point, practicing evacuation routes, and making a **pet plan** if you have pets
- Build a disaster supply kit with food and water, first aid kit, and more ([www.floodsmart.gov/supplykit](http://www.floodsmart.gov/supplykit))
- Fully charge electronics and have extra batteries
- Clear out gutters, downspouts, and drains
- Sign up for **CodeRED** or another emergency alert system
- Reduce risk of damage by elevating electronics and critical utilities such as wiring, electrical panels, etc.
- Consider buying flood insurance or ensure your policy is up-to-date. Flooding is not covered under most typical home insurance policies. For more information on flood insurance, go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

### WHAT TO DO DURING A FLOOD

- **Evacuate immediately** if told to do so
- If you are outside, **get to high ground and stay there.**
- Don't walk or drive through flooded areas, **"turn around, don't drown."** Currents and depths can be more dangerous than they may appear.
- If your building is flooding, go to the highest floor, but **never go into a closed attic**
- Listen to a NOAA weather radio and/or emergency notifications on CodeRED

### WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD

- Let your friends and family know you're safe. You can register yourself and check on others at [safeandwell.communityos.org](http://safeandwell.communityos.org), or mark yourself as safe on Facebook
- Only return home once officials have declared the area safe
- Inspect your home for live downed wires, cracked gas pipes, and other hazards
- Keep children and pets away from hazardous areas and floodwaters
- Take pictures of any damage to your home, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes
- Check on neighbors if it is safe to do so
- Do not use a generator inside or touch wet electrical equipment