



# Flooding

Did you know the City of Ann Arbor receives 177 Michigan Stadiums worth of precipitation every year?

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is usually dry. It is the most common natural disaster in the U.S. You do not need to be located near or directly next to a body of water for flooding to affect you.

Is your home in a floodplain? Are there areas around your home that are prone to flooding? Do you know the answers to these questions?



Flooding can result from rain, snow, and overflows of dams and other water systems.



Flooding can develop slowly or rapidly. Flash Floods can occur without warning.



Flooding can cause power outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings, and create landslides.

## Staying Safe During a Flood

- ✓ Evacuate if told to do so.
- ✓ Seek higher ground.
- ✓ Do NOT drive, walk, or swim through flooded areas.
- ✓ Listen to emergency alerts for more information.
- ✓ Unplug household appliances to avoid electrical shock when power is restored.
- ✓ Stay off bridges over fast-moving water; they can be swept away without notice.

## Preparing for a Flood

- ✓ Know your flood risk.
- ✓ Purchase flood insurance.
- ✓ Remove valuables from basements.
- ✓ Have your emergency kit and vital documents ready to go at a moment's notice.
- ✓ Sign up for local emergency alerts.
- ✓ Create a plan for both sheltering and evacuation.

## Learn More >>>

Scan the QR code to learn more about flood awareness and access resources.

