



Clermont County General Health District

Fact Sheet

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DURING A FLOOD

All floods are not alike. Some develop slowly over a period of days. Flash flooding can develop in a few minutes. Some floods cover a wide area, while others damage only a narrow stretch of land.

Indoors

- Turn on battery-operated radio or television to get the latest emergency information.
- Get your preassembled emergency supplies.
- If told to leave, do so immediately.

Outdoors

- Climb to high ground and stay there.
- Avoid walking through any floodwaters. If it is moving swiftly, even water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet.

In a Car

- If you come to a flooded area, turn around and go another way.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- If your car stalls, leave it immediately and climb to higher ground. Many deaths result from attempts to move stalled vehicles.
- A foot of water will float most vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pick-ups.
- Avoid areas subject to flooding.

During an Evacuation

- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Evacuation is much simpler and safer before flood waters become too deep for ordinary vehicles to drive through.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio for evacuation instructions.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Shortcuts may be blocked.
- Leave early enough to avoid being marooned by flooded roads.
- Don't forget animals