

## Flood Safety:

You can reduce personal injury due to flooding by:

- Planning escape routes to high ground before a flood emergency occurs.
- Staying tuned to radio, TV and this website for forecasts, flood warnings and instructions on returning to evacuated areas.
- Evacuating the flood hazard area when advised to do so by emergency personnel. Remaining in your home after being asked to evacuate puts you and emergency personnel involved in rescue in great danger.
- Not attempting to cross a flooding stream on foot where water is above your knees.
- Never entering flood waters with your vehicle. If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Not going near water which is swirling or looks like a whirlpool.
- Keeping away from flooded ditches, culverts and storm drains.
- Being especially cautious at night and stay away from downed power lines.
- Looking before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken glass and sharp metals. Mud covered surfaces can be very slippery.
- Look out for animals. Small animals, wild or domesticated, that have been flooded out of their homes will be frightened and may seek shelter in your home or outbuilding.
- Be alert of gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect your property for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know that the gas service has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.