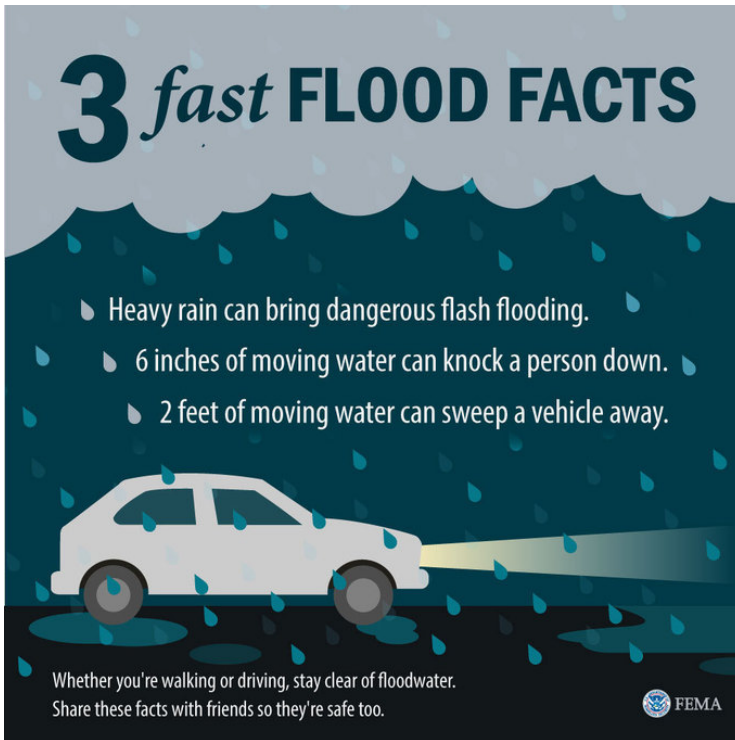


Flash Flood Alert

Toolbox Talk



Flash floods can strike any time and any place with little or no warning. In both mountainous and flat terrain, distant rain can be channeled into gullies and ravines, turning a quiet streamside campsite or creek into a rampaging torrent in minutes. City streets can become rivers in seconds.



Flash Flood Watch means it is possible that rains will cause flash flooding in the specified area. Be alert and prepared for a flood emergency.

Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is occurring or is imminent in the specified area. Move to safe ground immediately.



Observe these flash flood safety rules; they could save your life:

- Keep alert for signs of heavy rain (thunder and lightning), both where you are and upstream. Watch for rising water levels.
- Know where high ground is and get there quickly if you see or hear rapidly rising water.
- Be especially cautious at night as it's harder to recognize the danger then.
- Do not attempt to walk across or drive through flooded areas or roadways. You will not know the depth of the water.
- Don't try to drive through flooded areas.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it and seek higher ground immediately.

During threatening weather listen to commercial radio or NOAA Weather Radio, or watch television for Watch and Warning Bulletins.

