

Evacuation Plan—Where to Go

When the flood waters arrive, do you know where to go?

DO:

- ◆ Know the safest routes away from your home
- ◆ Go up—if the roads are impassible, go uphill to a safer location
- ◆ If necessary, shelter in place on the top floor, attic, or roof

DO NOT:

- ◆ Drive across flooded roads or washes
 - ◆ The water may be too deep to cross
- ◆ Wade through flooded areas
 - ◆ Rapidly flowing water can sweep you off your feet



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Taking Action — How to be Ready & What to do When Flash Flooding Occurs

Flash flooding is a potential hazard every thunderstorm season. Due to the recent wildfires, the flash flood risk has increased in many areas.

Do you know what to do when the flood waters arrive? This pamphlet will help prepare you for the floods.



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Know The Signs

- ◆ Get Ready— Monitor your local weather forecast & get to know your local weather patterns
- ◆ Thunderstorms usually build over the mountains. Dark areas under the thunderstorm clouds imply heavy rainfall
- ◆ The rain may not fall on you and you may not be able to see it—remember, flooding occurs downstream of the heavy rain.
- ◆ Get Set—Be aware of your surroundings and monitor the local news and weather observations
- ◆ Go—Flash Flood Warning issued for your area or the News or weather observations indicate flooding is imminent for your area

Prepare Now—The 5 P's of Immediate Evacuation (Ready.Gov)

Have these items ready to go before the flooding arrives:

- ◆ People/Pets
- ◆ Papers—Important Documents
- ◆ Pictures—Irreplaceable Memories
- ◆ Prescriptions—Medications, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids
- ◆ Personal Computer—Information on Hard Drives, Disks, or Back-Up Drives

Contact local Emergency Management officials for additional preparation tips

Do not wait for the flood waters to become prepared



Image Courtesy of Apache County Emergency Management

Take Action

Before the flood waters arrive, be ready to take action.

DO:

- ◆ Be ready to leave on a moments notice
- ◆ Be aware of weather conditions
 - Monitor NOAA Weather Radio
 - Rainfall observations
 - www.weather.gov/spokane
 - Local Media



- ◆ Know how you will get to high ground —Have multiple evacuation plans and routes