

Would you know what to do in a flood?



**FLOOD
ALERT**

PREPARE

- Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents
- Visit flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk



**FLOOD
WARNING**

ACT

- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things upstairs or to safety
- Move family, pets and car to safety



**SEVERE
FLOOD
WARNING**

SURVIVE

- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe

Visit: flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood

#PrepareActSurvive

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FLOOD ADVICE LEAFLET

Bury and West Burton rarely flood but when they do, it is a good idea to have had a few thoughts about precautions in advance.

Sign up for flood warnings. In many flood risk areas, you can sign up for flood warnings at: www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk

These warn of the risk of flooding from rivers, the sea and groundwater. You'll be alerted by phone, email or text when flooding is expected. Flood warnings and alerts are not available in all areas.

Know what to do. The best way to protect yourself from flooding is to know what to do in advance.

There are 3 levels of flood warning on the Government website:

FLOOD ALERT - PREPARE

If there is a flood alert in your area prepare a sealable, waterproof bag that includes medicines and insurance documents

Continue to check flood warnings

FLOOD WARNING - ACT

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SEVERE FLOOD WARNING - SURVIVE

Call 999 if in immediate danger

Follow advice from emergency services

Keep yourself and your family safe

You should prepare a bag of essential items to take with you if you have to leave your home. Keep this in a safe place. You could include things like spare medication, glasses, clothing, important documents and contact details such as the number of your insurance company.

Create a **checklist** of things to do to protect your family, such as turning off the electricity and gas to prevent a fire.

If you leave your home during a flood you'll need to turn off your mains water, gas and electricity if it's safe to do so. You should find out in advance how to do this.

The location of water stopcocks, gas shut-off valves and electrical master switches varies between properties. The gas shut-off valve is usually beside the meter. The mains electricity cut-off is usually a big red switch on your fuse box. If you can't find your water stopcock, ask someone with practical experience or a plumber to help you.

Protect your property

You can make changes to your property that will help you to get back to normal more quickly after a flood and reduce the damage flooding can do.

To reduce flood damage you can take steps such as laying tiles instead of carpets, moving electrical sockets higher up the wall and fitting non-return valves to stop flood water entering your property through the drains.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND ORGANISATIONS

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Sign up for flood warnings in your area.

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

THE NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM

Visit the National Flood Forum or call them on 01299 403 055 for help in finding local support.

This is a charity for victims of flooding in the UK.

www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk

WEST SUSSEX GUIDE TO FLOODING

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/dealing-with-extreme-weather/flooding/flooding-advice>

FLOODS DESTROY CAMPAIGN

Government website with advice on what to do if a flood occurs

www.floodsdestroy.campaign.gov.uk

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