

The information on this web site will help you and your family be prepared for any disaster. This site was started to provide pandemic preparedness information, but now in addition to keeping you updated on H1N1 we will also provide information and resources to help you prepare for the anticipated flooding this spring.

National Weather Service Flood Advisories, Watches and Warnings Current for South Dakota

Planning and Preparing for Flooding

Floods are the most common and widespread of all natural disasters except fire. A flood is a general and temporary condition where two or more acres of normally dry land or two or more properties are inundated by water or mudflow. To reduce the negative impact of flooding regardless of the cause:

- Determine your risk
- Prepare your family and property
- Consider flood insurance

The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service a land-grant member of the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN), is working with EDEN member institutions and government agencies to bring the best flood preparation, response and recovery resources to individuals, families and communities across South Dakota. Below are resources to help individuals, families and communities prepare for the flooding that is anticipated in the coming weeks and months.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been in South Dakota for several weeks assessing winter storm damage and recommending South Dakotans consider purchasing flood insurance. To learn more about flood insurance, click --[National Flood Insurance Program](#)

In anticipation of flooding, take steps now to protect yourself, your family and your property :

Be informed about steps to prepare and mitigate damage, [Ready.gov -- Be Informed -- Floods](#)

EDEN/eXtension : [Steps to Reduce Your Risks \(Audio files\)](#)

- [Know your flood risk.](#)
- [Check your sump pump.](#)
- [Move valuables to higher locations.](#)
- [Preventing sewer backup.](#)
- [Check floor drains for a float plug.](#)
- [Plug basement floor drains with removable grids.](#)
- [Cover basement floor drains with permanent grids.](#)
- [Reduce flooding from other drains.](#)

- [Prepare appliances for flooding.](#)
- [Shut off electricity to areas of the home that might flood.](#)
- [Move hazardous materials to higher locations.](#)
- [Anchor fuel tank securely.](#)
- [Discuss safe emergency procedures.](#)
- [Assemble supplies in case the electricity goes off.](#)
- [Keep the car fueled.](#)
- [Plan and practice an evacuation route.](#)
- [Assemble supplies for a possible evacuation.](#)
- [Plan for pets.](#)
- [Develop an emergency communication plan.](#)
- [Discuss the situation with children honestly and openly.](#)

