

FLOOD SAFETY

If you own property within the unincorporated limits of Lenoir County and are subject to flooding, the following information and suggested activities are important to you.

- Review your insurance policies and coverage with your local agent. Be certain that you are properly covered and that your coverage includes protection against flood.
- Inventory all personal property. Prepare a list, description and take photos of items of personal value. Store documents and important papers in waterproof containers or store at a safety deposit box facility.
- Familiarize yourself with local stations for forecasts and emergency instructions. Be knowledgeable of evacuation routes and shelters available to you and have Plans for all family members as to how to evacuate and where to meet if split up in an emergency.
- Be prepared to perform simple first aid techniques if required in a emergency and have adequate first aid supplies available.
- Be sure that your preparation includes non-preparatory/non-perishable food supplies, personal medication, battery operated lights & radios, battery supplies, sanitary supplies, fresh bottled drinking water, sleeping bags & blankets and wet and cold weather clothing. Keep your car serviced and full of gas and make arrangements for pet shelter and care.
- If evacuation becomes necessary be sure that you turn off all utility services at the main connection.
- Avoid all flooded areas, do not try to drive through flooded roads or paths and if your car becomes stalled in a flooded area, abandon it and seek high ground.
- If you are forced to a shelter facility be sure to take along your own supplies and necessities, as well as important documents. Be willing to assist shelter workers as needed. Do your part to maintain the cleanliness and sanitation of the facility. Remember that during a flood there will be lots of problems that emergency Personnel will be faced with, try not to be one.