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Home Flood Plan Checklist

Take steps to prepare for these types of emergencies. Have various members of the family do each of the items on the checklist below. Then hold a family meeting to discuss and finalize your Home Flood Plan.

Determine whether you're in a flood area. Flood area: ❑ Yes or ❑ No

If in a flood area, is flooding covered under your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy? (Most insurance policies specifically exclude flooding from rising water.)

Flood insurance: ❑ Yes or ❑ No

If flooding is not covered under your homeowner's or renter's policy, obtain separate flood insurance.

Insurance company: ____

Keep current copies of all important papers or valuables in a Safe Deposit box.

Location of Safe Deposit box: ____

Put together a Disaster Supplies Kit in a clearly labeled, easy-to-grab box.

Location of Disaster Supplies Kit: ____

Write instructions on how and when to turn off your utilities—electricity, gas, and water.

Instructions written: ____

____ date:________________

Decide where your family would go in case you must evacuate. Clear your plan with the relatives or friends you plan to stay with—or go to a Red Cross shelter. Also, get an extra map and mark two alternate ways to reach that destination. Add the map to your Disaster Supplies Kit.

Evacuation plan completed: ____

____ date:________________

And remember... when a flood, tornado, earthquake, fire, or other emergency happens in your community, you can count on your local American Red Cross chapter to be there to help you and your family. Your Red Cross is not a government agency and depends on contributions of your time, money, and blood.

For more information, contact your local Red Cross chapter, National Weather Service office, or emergency management agency. You can also visit these Web sites:

American Red Cross: www.redcross.org

National Weather Service: www.nws.noaa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov