



# Reduce Flood Risks

## What to do When Flooding is Imminent

If possible flooding is forecast for your area, take these last-minute actions to help reduce the risk of a flood severely damaging your home or business.

For heavy rains or local drainage problems, clear drains, gutters and downspouts of debris.



Move furniture and electronics off the floor, particularly in basements and first floor levels.



Roll up area rugs, where possible, and store these on higher floors or elevations.



Inspect sump pumps and drains to ensure proper operation. Make sure battery backups are fresh and working.



Shut off electrical service at the main breaker if the electrical system and outlets will be under water.



Place appliances, such as your stove, on masonry blocks or concrete at least 12 inches above projected flood levels.



Additional flood resources are available at [DisasterSafety.org/Flood](https://DisasterSafety.org/Flood)