

## Floods

During a flood, water flows onto dry land. You, your home, and your things may be damaged by the water. Follow these directions to stay safe.

For help or information, dial 2-1-1 on your phone and say what language you speak. Someone will help you with your questions in your language.

*Flood Watch* means a flood is possible in your area.

*Flood Warning* means a flood is about to happen or is happening in your area.

### Listen to the radio.

- Have someone who understands English listen to the radio to find out what is happening and what you should do.

### Get ready.

- If you have a cell phone, charge it fully.
- If you live near a river or stream or along a shoreline, move important things to the upper floors of your home. Bring outdoor things such as bicycles inside.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks and jugs with clean water. This water can be used for drinking, washing, and cleaning the toilet.
- Stay at home unless you are told to leave. If you are told to leave, move to higher ground. Stay away from rivers and streams.

### Stay safe during a flood.

#### At home:

- If there is water coming near your house, don't wait – get out and move to higher ground.
- If you touched flood water, wash your hands with soap and clean hot water.
- Do not eat or drink anything that has touched flood water.
- If you need to find a shelter, dial 2-1-1 on your phone and say what language you speak.
- If your house has been flooded, it may not be safe to go back until it has been checked by officials.

#### Outside:

- Stay away from flood water. Water can be very deep and can rise quickly.
- Do not walk through flood water. Even water that is not deep can move quickly and be dangerous.
- If you hear water, turn and go another way.
- Stay away from fallen electricity lines. Electricity can travel through water and hurt or kill you.
- Do not go into a flooded home unless you are sure that the power has been turned off.

#### In a car:

- If you have to drive, only use safe roads.
- Do not drive around barriers.
- Do not use roads that are marked as closed.
- Do not drive through flood water. Even water that is not deep can float a car.
- If your car stops in water, get out of the car and move to higher ground.
- Do not drive at night when it is hard to see.