AT-A-GLANCE: FLOOD

Flood Advisory: *Be aware.* When flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning; however, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution isn't exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

Flood Watch: *Be prepared.* When conditions are favorable for flooding. Does not mean flooding will occur but it is possible.

Flood Warning: *Take Action!* When flooding is imminent or occurring.

Flash Flood Warning: *Take Action!* When a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop is imminent or occurring. It is possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

Before a…

- **Be Weather-Ready**: Check the forecast regularly, and listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio
- **Sign Up for Notifications:** www.READYNOTIFY.US
- **Know Your Risk:** Is your home in a floodplain?

During a…

- **Stay Informed:** Listen to radio and TV, including NOAA Weather Radio if possible, check the Internet and social media
- **Get to Higher Ground:** If you live in a flood prone area or are camping in a low lying are, get to higher ground immediately
- **Obey Evacuation Orders:** If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Lock your home when you leave. If you have time, disconnect utilities and appliances.
- **Practice Electrical Safety:** Don't go into a basement, or any room, if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. If you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises—GET OUT!
- **Avoid Flood Waters:** Don't walk through flood waters. It only takes 6 inches of moving water to knock you off your feet.

After a…

- **Stay Informed:** Listen to your local news for updated information on road conditions, and boil orders.
- **Avoid Flood Waters:** Standing water hides many dangers including toxins and chemicals.
- **Avoid Disaster Areas**: Your presence may hamper rescue operations
- **Heed Road Closed and Cautionary Signs**
- **Wait for the All Clear:** Do not enter a flood damaged home or building until cleared by authorities.