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PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

✓ **Find out if you live in a flood-prone area.**

- If you do not know, contact town/ city/ county officials to find out.
- If you are in a flood-prone area, then do everything on this checklist.
- If you are not in a flood-prone area, then help relatives, friends, neighbors, and other people with this checklist.

Checklist to follow if the property is in a flood-prone area:

_____ Know your emergency telephone numbers: Fire, Ambulance, Sheriff, Police, PG&E, Red Cross, And Yolo County Office of Emergency Services.

_____ Learn your Community's warning signals.

_____ Relocate farm animals, feed supplies, furniture, clothing, medical equipment/medicines, important papers, jewelry, electronics, etc.

_____ Even if you do not have flood insurance, photograph or videotape your possessions.

_____ Create a family emergency evacuation plan and practice it with every family member.

_____ Use the safest route to a predetermined place.

_____ Avoid roads that might be blocked by water.

_____ Tell friends and relatives where you will be in case of evacuation.

_____ Know how to turn off utilities, such as gas, propane, electricity, and water.

_____ Secure propane and other fuel tanks so they do not float away and cause danger.

_____ Make sure you have emergency supplies on hand that are stored in containers that can be used if you stay, but also taken in case of evacuation:

- Candles, extra batteries, first aid kit, extra vehicle/home keys
- Matches, Credit Cards, non-perishable foods, flashlights
- Sturdy shoes, essential medicine, can-opener, cash
- Warm clothes, prescription glasses

_____ Set aside in clean, plastic containers one gallon of drinking water per person, per day for 7 days.

_____ Install septic back-up valves and sump pumps to prevent sewage and flood waters from backing up in to sewer drains. As a last resort, use large corks or stoppers to plug showers, tubs, or basins if you are told to evacuate.

_____ Teach children how and when to dial 911, police, and the fire department. Show them which radio station to tune to for emergency information.

_____ Keep your vehicle fuel tanks full.

Other things you can do to minimize flood damage to your home:

- ___ Remove or leave open all drawers, cabinet doors & room doors (they swell and stick shut).
- ___ Remove furnace and gas burners to prevent clogging by sediment.
- ___ Remove motors from equipment that cannot be moved such as furnaces.
- ___ Unplug and wrap in plastic any appliances that cannot be moved to keep out water/sediment and to make cleanup easier.
- ___ Disconnect gas lines to dryers and refrigerators to prevent breakage if the appliance floats.
- ___ Tie to a tree or other fixed object any un-anchored propane or other kind of tanks. If a tank can be opened safely, fill it with water to prevent floatation.
- ___ If additional time is available and electrical power is disconnected, remove wall receptacles to prevent siltation. This will enable faster restoration of power.
- ___ Move or raise to a higher level the supplies needed for cleanup such as mops, hoses, gloves, boots, detergents, etc.

If you are ordered to, or choose to, evacuate:

- ___ Turn off all electric circuits at the fuse panel, gas and propane service at the meter or Main entry, and water at the main valve, then leave immediately.
- ___ Drive the safest (not necessarily the shortest) route to high ground or shelter.
- ___ If you come to a flooded area, turn around & go another way; do not drive through water or around barriers.
- ___ A small car can be swept away in as little as one foot of water. Two feet of water will take away almost any other vehicle.
- ___ If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and move to higher ground.
- ___ Stay away from power lines and electrical wires and report downed power lines to local officials or law enforcement.