



# PROTECT YOUR HOME

Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster in the United States. Unfortunately, not everyone is aware of their flood risk and how to prepare for a flood.

This checklist provides useful information on how to financially prepare before a flood event. Help us spread the word to protect what matters, and be FloodSmart by sharing this checklist on your social platforms.

- Review your current insurance policies to see if coverage is provided for flood damage to your home and its contents.
- Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage, so be sure to purchase flood insurance to cover both your property and contents.
- Recover more quickly and easily by following these three steps when filing your flood insurance claim: notify your insurer to start the claims process, document the damage, and complete a proof of loss to support your claim. Learn more at [FloodSmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation\\_recovery/file\\_your\\_claim.jsp](https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation_recovery/file_your_claim.jsp).
- To find an agent who sells flood insurance in your area, use the Agent Locator at [FloodSmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/choose\\_your\\_policy/agent\\_locator.jsp](https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/choose_your_policy/agent_locator.jsp) or call 800-427-2419.
- Ensure that medical and financial records—including your insurance policy—are in a waterproof container and store additional copies in a separate secure location.
- Create a contact card small enough to put in a wallet with important names and numbers to use in case of an emergency.
- Establish a disaster procedure and family communications plan to share with your family members at [Ready.gov/make-a-plan](https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).
- Visit [FloodSmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/partner/flooding\\_community.jsp](https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/partner/flooding_community.jsp) to identify ways to make your community more aware of the flood risks in your area.
- Visit [FloodSmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/partner/spread\\_the\\_word.jsp](https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/partner/spread_the_word.jsp) to spread the word and share this checklist on your social networks.
- Tune in to local media and community messaging about potential disasters.
- Share your flood stories with us at [info@femafloodsmart.com](mailto:info@femafloodsmart.com).
- Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) for more resources and information.



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