

# FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

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## PREPARING FOR RAIN: BE ALERT

### **Prepare yourself and your family for potential flooding evacuation**

- ✓ Monitor TV, radio, reliable social media channels, and phones for real-time weather
- ✓ Check your area's flood plain map ([CLICK HERE](#)) to gauge your home's flooding risk
- ✓ Identify higher ground
  - Plan your evacuation route or routes
  - Call 800-432-2080 if you know you will need assistance should an evacuation be needed (for example, elderly, people with a disability or no transportation)
- ✓ Know where your nearest emergency shelters are located
- ✓ Build an emergency kit for each person with enough supplies to last 3 days that includes food, water, clothes, important documents and medicine
- ✓ Pack food and water for pets

## WATCH: BE READY

### **Prepare yourself and your family to evacuate (rain is forecasted for the next 24 hours)**

- ✓ Identify who in your household will round up the pets, grab the emergency kit, etc.
- ✓ Place all important documents, valuables, needed items in vehicles in preparation for evacuations
- ✓ Make sure everyone knows where to meet
- ✓ Follow local media, local flooding alerts, and county emergency notifications
- ✓ Those who need assistance will be evacuated at this time. If you have not already, contact 800-432-2080 to request assistance in the event evacuation is necessary.



**You will not be able to request assistance in evacuating once there is "extreme" flooding danger.**

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- ✓ Evacuate immediately if told to do so by local officials.
- ✓ **IF EVACUATION IS NOT POSSIBLE, SEEK HIGHER GROUND – GET ON THE ROOF OF A CAR OR A HOME IF NECESSARY**
- ✓ DO NOT attempt to cross flooded roadways on foot or in a vehicle. If you come across a flooded roadway, turn around and search for higher ground
- ✓ Local officials will communicate with you about where to find shelters
- ✓ **TAKE WARNINGS SERIOUSLY!**



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## BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have a basic supply kit ready to go with enough supplies to last each family member at least 3 days, including:

- Food and water
- Change of clothes
- Important documents
- Medicine
- Pets and pet supply needs



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**For more information, call the state's Fire Resources Hotline at 800-432-2080 or visit [NM Department of Homeland Security & Emergency | \(nmdhsem.org\)](https://nmdhsem.org)**

