

# Flood Safety in Oklahoma

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- **Avoid walking through floodwater.** Water only six inches deep can sweep you off your feet if it is moving swiftly.
- **Do not drive into a flooded street.** Cars can be swept away by two feet of moving water. If you come to a flooded area, turn around and go another way. Most flood-related deaths are caused by people driving through high water.
- **Watch out for fire hazards.** Be aware of broken or leaking gas lines, flooded electrical circuits, electrical appliances, and flammable materials coming from upstream.

## **After the Flood:**

- **Take care of yourself first.** Protect yourself and your family from stress, fatigue, and health hazards that follow a flood.
- **Dry out your home.** Floodwaters damage materials, leave mud, silt and unknown contaminants, and promote the growth of mildew.
- **Restore the utilities.** Cleaning up after the flood will be much easier if you have heat, electricity, clean water, and sewage disposal.
- **Clean up.** The walls, floors, closets, shelves, contents and other flooded areas of your home should be thoroughly washed and disinfected.
- **Rebuild and flood proof.** Take time to rebuild correctly and make improvements that will protect your building from future floods.
- **Prepare for the next flood.** Protect yourself from the next flood with flood insurance, a flood response plan, and community flood protection programs.