If a flood watch or warning has been issued for your area, be prepared to either shelter in place or evacuate at a moment’s notice.

**KNOW YOUR TERMS**

- **WATCH**: Floods are possible. “Be Aware!” because conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.
- **WARNINGS**: Floods will occur soon, move to higher ground. “Take Action!” because flooding is either happening or will happen shortly.
- **FLASH FLOOD WARNING**: Flooding is occurring; seek higher ground immediately. Listen to local officials.

**READINESS TIPS**

- **DO NOT WALK, SWIM OR DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATERS**: “When Flooded, Turn Around, Don’t Drown!”
- **STAY OFF BRIDGES OVER FAST-MOVING WATER**.
- **DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF FLOODING**:
  - Evacuate if told to do so.
  - Move to higher group or a higher floor.
  - Stay where you are.
- **FLOOD WATER CAN HIDE DANGERS BELOW THE SURFACE, SUCH AS WASHED OUT ROADWAYS AND DEBRIS**.
- **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE THE EXACT DEPTH OF WATER COVERING A ROADWAY OR THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD BELOW THE WATER**.

**Measurements**
- 6” of fast-moving water can knock you down.
- 12” of fast-moving water can carry away a small vehicle.
- 18” of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.