An Ounce Of Prevention

It is very important to plan ahead because a flood insurance policy will not go into effect until 30 days after you buy the policy.

- Take inventory of all personal items (including model types, serial numbers, pictures and descriptions).
- Elevate your utilities (e.g. electrical service panel and disconnect air conditioner, water heater, etc.) two or three feet above the base flood elevation.
- If you have a fuel tank, anchor it to a large concrete slab whose weight can resist the force of floodwaters and flotation.
- Install sewer backflow valves to prevent sewage entry into your home during flooding.
- Pay attention to flash flood and river flood watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service.

You can obtain more information about flood insurance by visiting [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or call toll free 888-379-9531.

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