

BE PREPARED

- Choose the safest route from your home or business to high, safe ground should you have to leave in a hurry
- Identify a meeting place if family members should become separated
- Plan what to do with your pets
- Keep your vehicle fueled.
- Put an emergency kit in the trunk of your car
- Have your ‘Go’ bag ready (back)

BEFORE THE FLOOD

- Stay informed! Tune in to CKON 97.3 for up to date information
- If local officials advise evacuation, do so promptly. If directed to a specific location, go there.
- Know where the shelters (schools, recreation centers or senior centers) are located. Tune in to CKON 97.3 for information of where a shelter will be set up.
- Disconnect electrical appliances that cannot be moved. Do not touch them if you are wet or standing in water. Do not attempt to turn off the main electrical breaker if you must go through water. If you are able to shut off water, gas, or electrical services before leaving your home.
- Secure your home: lock all doors and windows.

You will receive notification from Franklin County Emergency Services by telephone warning you of an impending flood and important instructions to follow.

TRAVEL WITH CARE

- Leave early to avoid being marooned on flooded roads. Follow recommended routes. Do not sightsee.
- As you travel, monitor local radio broadcasts for the latest information.
- Watch for washed-out roads, broken water or sewer mains, loose or downed electrical wires, and falling or fallen objects.
- Watch for areas where rivers or streams may suddenly rise and flood, such as highway dips, bridges, and low areas.
- Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. Turn around and go another way. Water moving at two miles per hour can sweep cars off a road or bridge.
- If you are in your car and water begins to rise rapidly around you, abandon the vehicle immediately.

How to Prepare for a flood

The arrival of warm weather in Akwesasne is always a welcome sight however, it is important to remember that it may also result in flooding — often quickly and without much warning. Now is the time to take precautions and make plans to keep you and your family safe before help can arrive.

The following information is being provided as your household resides in an identified flood watch area. A “Watch” means that there is the potential for flooding. It does not mean that flooding will occur...it only means it is possible. It is also a recommendation for planning, preparation, and increased awareness.

BE SAFE, BE PREPARED



Get Your 'GO' Bag Ready

A GO bag is a packed case that you grab on your way out the door that will help keep you safe and comfortable in the coming hours and days. Stopping to hunt for your medications or other important needs can cost you critical seconds in an evacuation. Pack a separate GO bag for yourself and every member of your household.



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Basic Electronics

Pack an extra phone charger in case you're fortunate enough to have electricity, and a portable battery pack in case you're not. Also stash a long-lasting LED flashlight. Pack a small hand-cranked or battery-operated AM/FM radio (with extra batteries).

Personal Needs

Personal toiletries, preferably travel-size versions of each. Pack backup eyeglasses, as well as a first-aid kit, baby wipes and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener.

Clothing

Pack at least 3 days' worth. Include layers you can add or remove, plus lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.

Your Meds

Pack about three days' worth of each of your prescriptions, which should last until you can get to a pharmacy that's open. If you need larger items, such as an oxygen tank, make sure you have a portable version.

For assistance or to report additional flooding, please contact Franklin County Emergency Services by dialing 9-1-1 or the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police by calling (518) 358-9200.

The Perfect Bag

Think small and portable. A backpack is ideal, but a lightweight suitcase with wheels will also do. Just remember, you may literally be running with it.

Paperwork

Fill a zip-top waterproof bag with photocopies of your birth certificate; driver's license; Social Security and Medicare cards; power of attorney and will; any marriage, adoption or naturalization certificates; proof of address; insurance, medical and immunization records; and information about your credit and ATM cards.

Food and drink

Bottled water is essential. Granola or energy bars are great because they are small and filling, and they come in a variety of flavors.

Cash

In addition to enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters. If you need to buy something out of a vending machine, you don't want to start asking equally desperate strangers for change.

Pets

Bring a sufficient amount of food for your pets, any medications and other essential items they may need.