

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS



Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Conditions that cause floods include heavy or steady rain for several hours or days that saturate the ground. Flash floods occur suddenly due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Flood/Flash Flood Watch

Flooding or flash flooding is possible in your area.

Flood/Flash Flood Warning

Flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.

Every year people are killed or seriously injured by severe thunderstorms despite advance warning. While some did not hear the warning, others heard the warning and did not pay attention to it. The information in this section, combined with timely watches and warnings about severe weather, may help save lives.

<http://www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/Preparedness/checklists/Flood.pdf>