

The image features a vertical black bar on the left side of the page. Inside this bar, there are white silhouettes of a firefighter on the left and a woman on the right. The firefighter is wearing a helmet and a coat, and is gesturing with his hands as if in conversation. The woman is wearing a dress and is also gesturing. The background of the silhouettes is a solid blue color.

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When should you evacuate?

During a flood event, it can be very difficult to decide when you should evacuate your home or property. Property owners or dwellers often want to stay near their properties to secure their belongings and take care of their buildings, but staying too long can mean getting trapped when access roads out of the property close.

Emergency Management Offices in counties and municipalities will sometimes issue evacuation orders for certain parts of communities, and in some cases, emergency personnel, such as firefighters, will come knocking door to door to request that people evacuate. When this happens, it is very important that you evacuate as quickly as possible. In many cases, waiting too long means that access roads will flood and emergency rescue personnel will no longer be able to come back for a rescue. Or, if rescue personnel do attempt to come back later to rescue inhabitants, they can be put at very serious danger as they try to move through swift-moving flood waters.

During a flood watch, flood warning and actual flood event, please stay tuned to your local sources of information for evacuation notices and other warnings that might help you decide to leave, including reports on local television stations, radio, and the National Weather Service.

Communicate with neighbors to share information and make the most informed decision for your household.

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