



The impact of flooding: Danger, damage and disruption

Flooding isn't just about water levels rising—it can damage homes, disrupt daily life, and create long-term problems. Understanding how floods impact your property helps you act early and reduce risks.

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What can happen?	How to prepare	What can happen?	How to prepare
Flooding in underground car parks can damage vehicles and belongings.	Keep valuables off the ground. Temporarily move vehicles to higher ground.	Fast-moving water can carry debris putting your safety at risk.	Keep outdoor areas clear.
Water leaks can cause mould and structural issues.	Check for leaks and address damp spots early.	Water can seep through walls, weakening structures and causing mould.	Seal cracks and check for moisture buildup.
Electrical hazards and pests are common after floods.	Maintain drains and gutters and seal entry points to prevent pests entering.	Street flooding may cut off access by road or footpath.	Have an emergency plan for road closures. Temporarily move vehicles to higher ground.



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Rural properties & farms

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Floodwater can reach power points and appliances, posing safety risks.	Raise power points and install flood barriers.	Standing water can impact land available for crops and livestock.	Improve drainage and move animals to higher ground.
Waterlogged foundations can cause structural damage.	Inspect and reinforce foundations before and after storms.	Floodwaters can wash away fences and roads may be cut off for long periods of time.	Secure fences and plan alternative routes. Stockpile essential supplies.
Blocked roads and flooded driveways can leave you stranded.	Keep emergency supplies on hand and plan alternative transport.	Crops and machinery can be lost or damaged.	Store equipment properly and consider insurance.
Garages and carports located in lower areas may flood more easily.	Temporarily move vehicles to higher ground. Keep valuables in garages and carports off the ground.	Power outages and supply shortages are common.	Set up a generator and stockpile essential supplies.

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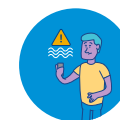
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