

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DISASTER COMMITTEES



SPRING FLOODING IS COMING MARCH 2018

Spring may *feel* far off, but it is just around the corner. Prepare for possible spring flooding now before it sneaks up on you.

Follow the tips below (which we took from www.Ready.gov) to make sure you, your family and your community are prepared.

- [Know your flood risk](#)¹ Take the time to educate yourself. Pass this information along to your constituents.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to get to higher ground, the highest level of a building, or to evacuate.
- Make a flood [emergency plan](#)² for the relevant type/s of local flood risk with plans such as evacuation, shelter, and locations for high ground.
- Build or restock your [emergency preparedness kit](#)³, including a minimum of 3 days of food and water, flashlight, batteries, cash, prescription medications and first aid supplies.
- Did you know that Homeowners and Renters insurance do not typically cover flood damage? Consider buying [flood insurance](#)⁴.
- Stay tuned to your phone [alerts](#)⁵, TV, or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions, or evacuation orders.



¹ FEMA National Flood Insurance Program website: <http://bit.ly/natlfloodinsurance>

² A guide to making a plan can be found here: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

³ What should your kit include? Check out this list: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

⁴ One resource for flood insurance is the National Flood Insurance Program: <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>

⁵ Sign up for alerts here: <https://www.ready.gov/alerts>

We're Always Here to Answer Questions and Hear Concerns!

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