

## FLOODS: HOW TO PREPARE

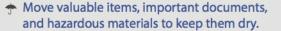
## FLOODS HAPPEN. IT'S UP TO YOU TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR FAMILY.



## PROTECT YOUR HOME

- Talk to your local government, insurer, and neighbours about your risks.
- Install window wells or caulk windows to keep your basement dry.
- Clear storm grates on your street.
- Direct water from downspouts away from your home.
- Talk to your municipality about disconnecting downspouts from the municipal water system.
- Clean your gutters/eavestroughs.

† Install a sump pump or backwater valve to keep your basement dry.





- † If you live near water, talk to your municipality about how to purchase and use sandbags.
- → Grade your property so water drains away from your home.



- Make a plan to evacuate and connect with your family at a safe place.
- Talk to your neighbours and help each other out before, during and after a flood.
- Sign up for local weather alerts and be prepared.
- Build an emergency plan and kit with your family.

- The Know the emergency plans for your community, school, and work.
- Stay away from flooded streams and rivers.
- Ton't drive in flood waters.
- → Be aware of emergency services in your community.







