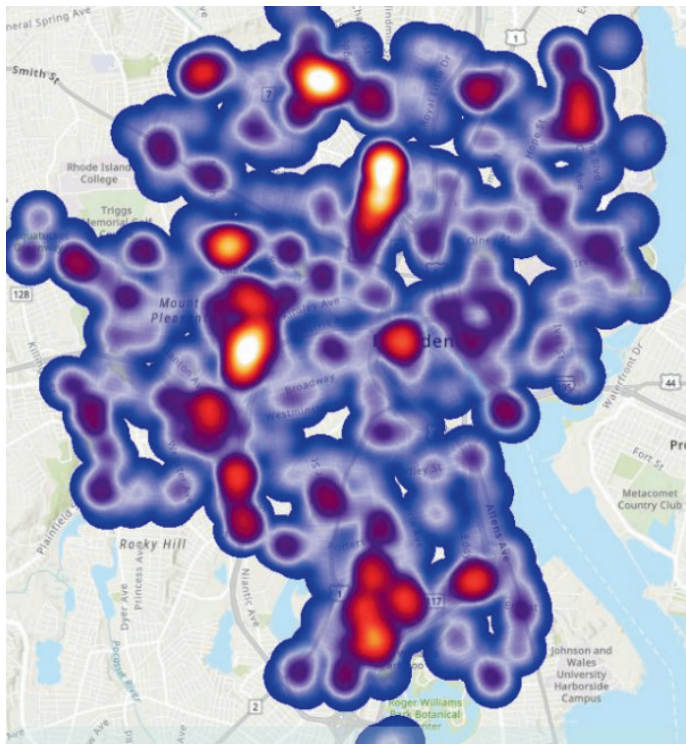


# Be PREPARED for a FLOOD

Floods are the most frequent type of natural disaster. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property.

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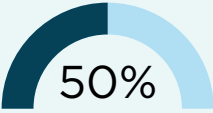
**1 inch of floodwater** can lead to **\$25K in damage\***



## Know your flood risk!

The map above shows all 911 and 311 calls for flooding in Providence 2022-2023. Visit the RI Floodplain map at [providenceri.gov/pema/floods](https://providenceri.gov/pema/floods)

## Turn around; don't drown!

Over  50% of flood deaths are auto related, usually from drivers misjudging the depth of water.†



## BEFORE A FLOOD



Photo courtesy of Vecteezy.com

- ☐ **Indoors:** Elevate valuables, flood-proof basements with sandbags, and move mechanical equipment above the floodplain.
- ☐ **Outdoors:** Declutter gutters and drains and tie-down outdoor furniture.
- ☐ Know how to **shut off** your utilities.
- ☐ Consider **flood insurance**. Visit [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance).

### Is your property in a flood-prone area?

View the Rhode Island Floodplain Viewer at [providenceri.gov/pema/floods](http://providenceri.gov/pema/floods).

## DURING A FLOOD

- ☐ Monitor the forecast and emergency alerts.
- ☐ Report non-emergency issues to 3-1-1.
- ☐ Unplug appliances to prevent shock when power returns.
- ☐ Find an emergency shelter and check on neighbors!



Take pictures of damage for documentation.



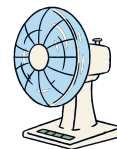
Protect yourself with gloves & boots.



Throw away damaged items.



Kill germs & mold:  
1 cup bleach + 1  
gallon water



Use fans and dehumidifiers for drying.

## AFTER A FLOOD

Flooding is the only natural hazard for which the Federal government provides insurance!

- 1 Contact your insurance provider.
- 2 Check if a disaster has been declared for Providence and apply for FEMA Individual Assistance at [fema.gov/assistance/individual](http://fema.gov/assistance/individual)
- 3 Apply for a disaster loan through the Small Business Association at [lending.sba.gov/search-disaster](http://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster)

**Call 311 | PVD311 app**  
City Services

**Call 211**  
United Way of RI

**Call 988**  
Emotional Support

