Be PREPARED for a

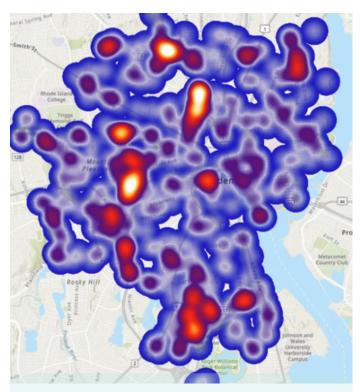
FLOOD

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



Did you know...

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

Turn around; don't drown!

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



BEFORE A FLOOD



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- 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.

Is your property in a flood-prone area?

View the Rhode Island Floodplain Viewer at providenceri.gov/pema/floods.

DURING A FLOOD

- ☐ Monitor the forecast and emergency alerts.
- ☐ Unplug appliances to prevent shock when power returns.
- Report non-emergency issues to 3-1-1.
- ☐ 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.
- Check if a disaster has been declared for Providence and apply for FEMA Individual Assistance at fema.gov/assistance/individual
- 3 Apply for a disaster loan through the Small Business Association at **lending.sba.gov/search-disaster**

PVD311 Online

City Services

Call 211

United Way of RI

Call 988

Emotional Support

