



## **FLOOD RESOURCE FACT SHEET**

### **PREPARING TO EVACUATE**

**Stay alert.** Sign up for Smart 911 alerts ([smart911.com](http://smart911.com)) to receive emergency notifications from Missoula County. Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, radio or online sources for weather updates, emergency instructions or evacuation orders.

**Be prepared to leave.** *It is in your best interest to self-evacuate your property before or immediately following an order.* If an order is issued and you choose not to evacuate, authorities cannot guarantee your safety. Once a residence loses power, NorthWestern Energy will not turn it back on until the property is safe again.

**Arrange for housing.** If possible, make arrangements ahead of time to stay with family or friends in case authorities order evacuations. Anyone seeking disaster assistance can call the American Red Cross 24/7 at 1-800-272-6668.

**Plan for pets and valuables.** Animals can be stranded without food and face dangerous waters if left behind when owners evacuate their homes. If you are in an area subject to flooding, make plans for your pets and livestock ahead of time. Missoula Animal Control can help make arrangement for stranded pets and livestock. Call 406-549-3934.

Also plan ahead of time to secure any valuables you do not want to be lost or damaged in a flood.

**Prepare an emergency supply kit.** Kit should include three days of supplies, three gallons of water, and nine meals — *per person*. Also be sure to stock the kit with necessary prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, first-aid

supplies and important documents. Go to [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit) for a complete list of recommended items.

**Contact your flood insurance agent.** Flood insurance is required by most mortgage companies for homes located in flood-prone areas. Contact your insurance company for assistance with clean-up and repairs after a flood. Part of the policy may cover relocating items before and during a flood, and it may also help pay for sand and sandbags to protect your home. Contact your insurance agent for more information on your coverage.

**Request assistance if necessary.** If you find yourself in need of disaster assistance related to flooding, fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/RequestForAssistance>. All requests for assistance will be considered; however, resource limitations may prevent requests from being met.