



# Storms & Floods

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## Before: Preparedness

- Put together a department or workplace emergency kit with separate supplies.
  - First aid items; flashlights; high-visibility vests; work gloves; external power devices (batteries and phone battery packs);
- Create and practice a plan with your department.
  - If harsh weather prevents you from getting to campus, who will be notified? How will your team determine whether to come to campus as scheduled or stay home?
- Secure your physical space and devices, in anticipation of potential power outages.
  - Close windows; remove unneeded items from outlets and power strips; secure sensitive material (e.g. laboratory supplies) in designated storage areas or appliances.

## During: Safety Actions

- **Be aware of types of notices from authorities including the National Weather Service**
  - Watch: an alert that lets the public know a weather event is coming, but without certainty of when or the severity of the event.
  - Advisory: an incoming or likely weather event may cause significant inconvenience could lead to damage to property and threats to human life if no caution is taken.
  - Warning: an imminent weather event will cause danger to life and property
- **Stay indoors**, keep windows and doors closed, stay away from windows.
- **Avoid flooding**: Do not walk or drive through flooded areas. Six inches of moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can move vehicles.
- **Power safety**: before a weather event, charge up devices such as phones and medical equipment and batteries. During an event, turn off all unused electrical appliances.
- **Higher ground**: moving to higher floors can help against turbulent waters or buildings that are flooding. Take note of where exits are and be prepared to use only the stairs.

## After: Recovery

- **Stay aware of and responsive to** updates and new instructions from authorities.
- **Be patient and flexible**: Facilities Development and Operations (FD&O) and EH&S will need to inspect and give explicit direction to departments that it is safe to re-enter affected buildings. This may mean a delay in being able to report to work or attend class.
- **Do not touch, move or clean** damaged material, devices or equipment that may be damaged until told you may by FD&O or EH&S. There is always potential for biohazard contamination or electrocution. Designated authorities must be the only ones to clean up for proper, legal and compliant risk management and insurance reimbursement purposes.