

FLASH FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Be aware of the following National Weather Service Flash Flood Bulletins

- ◆ **Flash Flood Watch:**
Heavy rains may cause flash flooding in your area. If a Flash Flood Watch is issued, be prepared for heavy rains and flooding.
- ◆ **Flash Flood Warning:**
Flooding is occurring or will develop quickly. If a Flash Flood Warning is issued for your area, take shelter and/or move to high ground as necessary.
- ◆ **Flood Advisory:**
Nuisance flooding is occurring or imminent. A Flood Advisory may be upgraded to a Flash Flood Warning if flooding worsens and poses a threat to life and property.

For information, visit the National Weather Service:

www.weather.gov/hawaii

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What you need to know:

- ◆ Learn the best routes to high ground where you live, work, play, and travel should you need to evacuate.
- ◆ If your area is prone to flooding, keep emergency materials on hand such as sandbags, wood, and plastic sheeting.
- ◆ Do not allow children to play near streams or drainage ditches. These areas can quickly become deadly.
- ◆ If your vehicle stalls in a flooded area, get out as soon as possible. Floodwaters can rise rapidly and sweep away a vehicle and its occupants.
- ◆ **DO NOT** attempt to drive or move your vehicle through flooded areas because parts of the road may already be washed out or the water much deeper than it appears. **Turn around, don't drown!**
- ◆ When hiking, use extreme caution anytime heavy rains threaten, even if the rainfall is far upstream. A stream can flood within minutes. Do not cross streams until the flash flooding completely subsides.
- ◆ If there is an emergency, call **9-1-1** immediately!

PLAN AND PREPARE NOW FOR THE NEXT DISASTER

Make Your 14-Day Disaster Supply Kit (minimum of 14 days for each person)

- Water** One gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation.
- Food** Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Survival foods such as peanut butter, protein shakes, dried fruits, & nuts. Infant Formula & food for special needs.
- Utensils** Plates, utensils and a manual can opener.
- Radio** Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert.
- Flashlight** with extra batteries.
- Cell phone** and solar charger.
- Whistle** Important for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice and uses less energy than yelling.
- Dust mask** Helps to filter contaminated air.



LEARN

Educate yourself on disasters that can affect you and your family.

PLAN

Create and practice a family disaster plan. Designate a secondary meeting place and an off-island contact.

Individual, Family and Business Disaster Planning

Disaster planning is everyone's responsibility. Carefully review this information and take the time today to discuss & plan preparedness strategies with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.



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- Sanitation** Moist towelettes, heavy-duty garbage bags with ties, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, baking soda/kitty litter to absorb odors, and gloves for personal sanitation.
- Tools** Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, basic tool kit, duct tape.
- Important documents and cash** Carry vital papers in a waterproof container.
- Maps** Local area maps.
- Medical** Prescription medications, glasses/contact lenses, medical devices, and a first aid kit.
- Pets** Pet food and extra water.
- Hygiene** Feminine products, personal hygiene items, diapers, incontinence supplies.
- Pictures** Carry a photograph of you, your family & friends to help locate each other if you are separated.
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