

Appendix 1

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FLOODING ?

The Environment Agency's Floodline is there to help keep you informed of any flood situations in your area, but do you know what to do if your property is at risk ?

FAMILY FLOOD PLAN

1. Make a list of **useful telephone numbers**, and keep them in a safe, clear place, close to hand.
2. Find out who, in the immediate area, holds **sandbag stocks** and where. Keep these details somewhere safe and close to hand.
3. Make a **Flood Kit** – It is a good idea to have a kit, containing a few essentials, made up and stored where everyone in the house knows where to find it. Your kit should include:

Key Personal Documents (in a water proof container), Wellington Boots/Waders
Torch, Waterproof and warm clothing
Battery or Wind-up Radio, First Aid Kit
Mobile Phone (fully charged), Blankets
Rubber Gloves
Important medication (in a water proof container)
Fresh water and snacks

If you have children and or pets, consider what they will need.

4. Get into the habit of **storing valuable papers and belongings upstairs** or in a high place downstairs.
5. You should know exactly where to **turn off the gas and electricity**, and even be able to find them in the dark. Mark the tap or switch with a sticker to help you remember.
6. Make sure **the car is parked in a safe and accessible place.**
7. Make a list of things you need to take with you **in case of evacuation**. Have a plan for your family pets. Decide NOW where you will go and how you will get there. If you decide to stay in the house but decamp upstairs, make a list of things you will need.

Don't wait for a flood to make your flood plan ... Do It NOW !!!!

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FLOODLINE: 0845 988 1188 (24 hours)