

# READY, SET, GO!

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States.

Even if you live in a place where flooding is not typical, remember that anywhere it rains, it can flood.

The best preparation for flooding is to plan ahead. This brochure will show you some of the things you can do to protect your home, property and family.

**READY** – will teach you what you can do to prepare before flooding.

**SET**- will show you what to do if flooding is imminent.

**GO!** - will give you safe evacuation information.

## READY, SET, GO! FLOOD PREPARATION

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Be sure to check out FEMA's "[How to Prepare for a Flood](http://www.ready.gov/floods)" at [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods) for info on what to do before, during, and after a flood.



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FLOOD PREPARATION  
Teton County, WY

Prepare for Flooding Before It Occurs

*2011 Flooding, Snake River (credit Teton  
Squadron Civil Air Patrol)*



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# READY

Sign Up Now



(All year around)

- Assemble an **emergency supply kit** [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- **Sign up for Nixle alerts** by texting TETON\_WY to 888777 or visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). For Spanish reply ESP to registration text confirmation.
- Consider purchasing **flood insurance**. Many standard policies do not cover flood damage. [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- Create a **list of items** to take if you are asked to evacuate.
- **Clear debris** from gutters, downspouts, drains and culverts.
- Have a supply of sandbags and other **flood fight materials** – plastic sheeting, plywood and tarps.
- Consult with environmental engineers, landscapers, or the Teton Conservation District (733-2110) before a flood on mitigation measures.



Flooding of Spring Gulch Rd, 2018

# SET

(Flood WATCH)

- Monitor the **National Weather Service** at [www.weather.gov/riw](http://www.weather.gov/riw)
- Gather **emergency supplies**, evacuation items and know evacuation routes.
- Flash flooding can occur during periods of heavy or extended rain. Move to higher ground if there is any chance of flash flooding. **Don't wait for an evacuation order.**
- Fill the **gas tanks** in your car and generators.
- **Move** furniture in from outside and move other valuables to upper floors.
- Fill and place **sandbags** if necessary.
- **Monitor and clear** gutters, drains, culverts and other areas that could cause flooding, clogging, or damming.



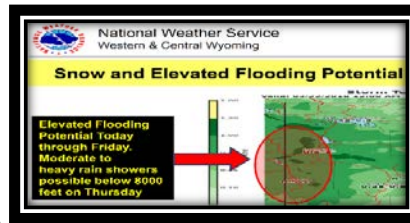
Sand & Sand Bags @ Teton County Road & Levee (733-7190) & Town of Jackson Public Works (733-3079)

## FLOOD TERMINOLOGY

**Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible in your area

**Flood Warning:** Flooding is imminent or already occurring.

**Flash Flood:** A sudden, violent flood – often comes in waves.



# GO!

(Flood WARNING)

- When asked to leave, **evacuate** to higher ground.
- **Take** your emergency supplies and valuables.
- **Stay out** of floodwaters and avoid moving water.
- 6 inches of water can **knock you off your feet** and 2 feet can carry away your truck or SUV.
- **Stay away** from downed powerlines and piles of debris.
- **Monitor** local weather and emergency updates.
- When evacuating, **be aware** of sliding rocks and mud, stream channels, canyons and areas known to easily flood.
- **Avoid** parking or camping near streams, creeks or rivers.

