

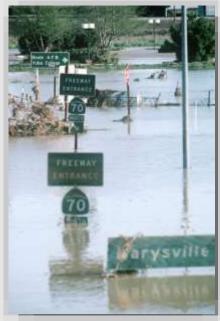
# **FLOODs**

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods are the most common natural disaster in the US. They can:

- Result from rain, snow, storm surges, and overflows of dams and other water systems.
- Develop slowly or very quickly
- Cause outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings, and create landslides.

# OID YOU KNOW?

- 1. Most homeowners' insurance policy excludes damage from floods.
- 2. A car can easily be carried away by only two feet of rushing water.
- 3. Flood insurance usually does not take effect until 30 days after you purchase it, so don't wait until last minute!
- 4. Flooding is the #1 natural disaster in the United States, and flooding damage costs Americans \$1.9 billion annually.





# Flood Warning

A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

# Flood Watch

A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

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### Before:

- Elevate critical utilities such as electrical panels, switches, sockets, wiring and heating systems.
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts.
- Store copies of irreplaceable documents in a safe place.
- Build an emergency supply kit.
- Have a plan for your pets.
- Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy.

### During:

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances.
- Do not drive into flooded areas as water may be deeper than it appears.

### After:

- Avoid flood waters.
- Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company or emergency services.
- If told to evacuate, return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.







## Areas of Concern

Beale AFB and the neighboring cities are known to receive (on average) between 3 to 4 inches of rain each month from December to March. Some places on base to be extra cautious include:

- Warren Shingle Road
- Camp Beale Hwy Bridge
- Gavin Mandrey Drive at the Three Bridges
- Ryden Park
- B Street

# Protect Against Flooding and Severe Weather

### **Emergency Kit**

- Non-perishable foods
- Water
- Medications
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Blankets
- Portable radio
- Alternate heating
- Important family documents

### Prepare an Emergency Plan

- Include evacuation routes specific to your area.
- Identify a location for your family to meet if separated.
- Make arrangements to stay with family/friends.
- Identify a person out of the area to notify of your location after evacuation.
- Communicate the plan with family.