



Beale AFB Emergency Management QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER -1st Quarter CY19-

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.

DID 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.

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.

