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NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

The City of Joliet Reminds Residents to Educate Themselves and Their Families on What to Do During a Flood

One of the most important safety tips during flooding is "Turn Around, Don't Drown," which is intended to remind people to never drive on a flooded road. Most flood-related fatalities involve people in vehicles attempting to drive through water covering a road. The speed and depth of the water is not always obvious and, as little as two feet of rushing water can sweep away most vehicles, including trucks and SUV's.

The City offers the following tips to keep individuals safe before and during a flood situation:

- Always pay attention to flood watches and warnings.
- Maintain an emergency supply kit with bottled water, non-perishable food, first-aid items, flashlight, radio, batteries and more.
- Have a plan of action in place should you need to evacuate your home or business due to a flood.
- Make an itemized list of your personal property. Include photos and/or videos of the inside and outside of your home. Store these documents in a safe location away from your home.
- Do not walk through floodwaters. Floodwaters can move rapidly and there is often a large amount of debris in the water.
- Do not allow children to play near high water, storm drains, or ditches.
- Be especially cautious in the evening and at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Always follow the directions of public safety officials.


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