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## **ARE YOU READY FOR SPRING FLOODING?**

In 2019 Fond du Lac County experienced several flooding events and 2020 has the potential to bring more. Flooding events are often not preventable, however, there are several things residents can do to lessen the impact of flooding.

Residents should build a plan on how to respond when a flooding event occurs. The plan should include how to communicate with family and friends as well as where you will go if you have to evacuate. Evacuation recommendations can occur with little to no notice so make arrangements to stay with family or friends beforehand. If you do not plan on evacuating, ensure you have supplies to sustain everyone in your home for several days. If you or a family member relies on electricity for medical equipment, it is important to know what you are going to do if you lose power. You should plan to stay with someone outside the impacted area or have a generator to maintain your power needs during the outage.

Flood water can destroy or damage anything it comes in contact with. Before a flood, get important documents and items out of the basement or stored off the ground. Whenever possible, use water-tight storage containers.

Planning and preparing for a flood event can lessen the impact but damage can still occur. An inch of water can cause thousands of dollars of damage. For this reason, Fond du Lac County Emergency Management is encouraging people to obtain flood insurance. The majority of flood insurance programs require a waiting period before going into effect so people need to get the insurance now to ensure they are protected for spring flooding.

For more information on flood insurance and to see what your risk of flooding is, go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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