

Flooding can cause extensive damage to your property. If your area is at risk from flood you should begin preparing your property at the earliest opportunity. The following equipment can be useful in preparing for a flood and in cleaning up afterwards.

Preparing for a Flood

Keep a supply of essential protective clothing and equipment:

- Sandbags
- Gloves
- Face masks
- Rubber boots/wellies
- Wet suits
- Basic tool kit
- Torches and batteries
- Buckets
- Brooms
- Scrubbing brushes
- Mops
- Domestic detergent and disinfectant
- Heavy duty refuse bags



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Cleaning up after a flood

To help dry out your house open doors and windows to ventilate as thoroughly as possible. However, allowing a property to dry naturally can take several months. The following equipment can be used to speed up the process.

Pumps

Use to remove standing water. It is recommended that you remove a third of the volume of water per day to avoid problems with water pressure on the building's structure.



Heaters, Dehumidifiers and Fans

It is difficult to estimate how long a property will take to dry out. Use industrial heaters, dehumidifiers and fans to aid the drying process. Lack of condensation may indicate that the drying process is complete.

Wet pick-up vacuums

Generators

While your electricity supply is switched off a temporary generator can be used to power any equipment used.



Useful contacts/websites

Environment Agency Floodline: 0845 988 1188 Website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk	Fire Service Flood advice: www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/floods.php
Association of British Insurers Tel: 020 7600 3333 Website: www.abi.org.uk	UK Government Provides advice about flooding Website: www.direct.gov.uk

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