

Preparing for flooding: a 'how-to' guide

When flooding occurs, it is highly likely that there will be no tap water, electricity, gas, toilet facilities or internet available. What can you do to prepare for a situation like this? Read the tips.



- Arrange a battery-operated radio.
- Listen to your regional radio station for information from your safety region.



When staying at home

- Find a dry spot in the house, or go to a dry spot somewhere in the vicinity.
- Check whether you can get out of the house through a skylight or using a ladder.
- Hang a (white) sheet out of the window, and use a whistle to signal where you are.
- Make sure you have drinking water, medicines and non-perishable food for a couple of days.
- Make sure you have candles, matches or a lighter, and towels and blankets.

Protect your house!

- Shut off the main gas valve and switch off the electricity.
- Unplug all devices.
- Jam a heavy sand (or other) bag in the toilets, wash-hand basins het riolwater and floor drains so that sewage cannot get in.
- Put any valuables somewhere high up to prevent them getting wet.



If you want to leave, take the following:

- Drinking water, food and medication.
- Radio and battery-operated torch.
- Warm clothing, sturdy footwear and waterproofs.
- Blankets and dry towels.
- Form(s) of ID.