



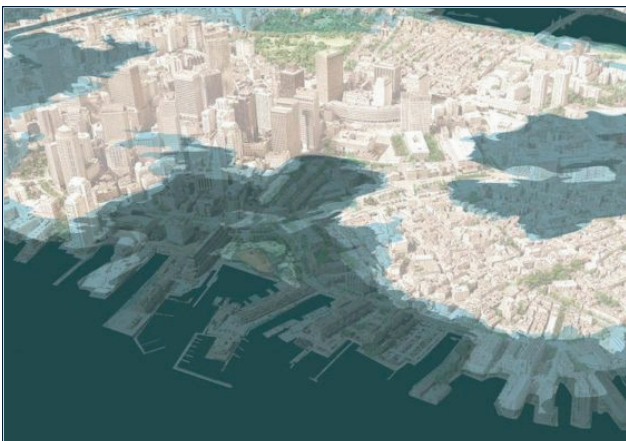
# Be **PREPARED** for a **FLOOD**

Floods are the most frequent type of natural disaster. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property.



*Did you know...*

## 1 inch of floodwater can lead to \$25,000 in damage\*



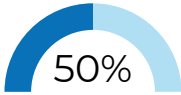
(Above) Prediction of Downtown Boston in 2070, with 40 inches of sea level rise. Image courtesy of Resilient Boston Harbor.

**30%** of all properties in Boston have a chance of being severely affected by flooding within the next 30 years.<sup>†</sup>



**Know Your Flood Risk!**

Enter your address at  
[msc.fema.gov/portal](https://msc.fema.gov/portal)

Over  **50%** of flood deaths are auto related, usually from drivers misjudging the depth of water. **Turn around; don't drown!**<sup>‡</sup>



## BEFORE A FLOOD

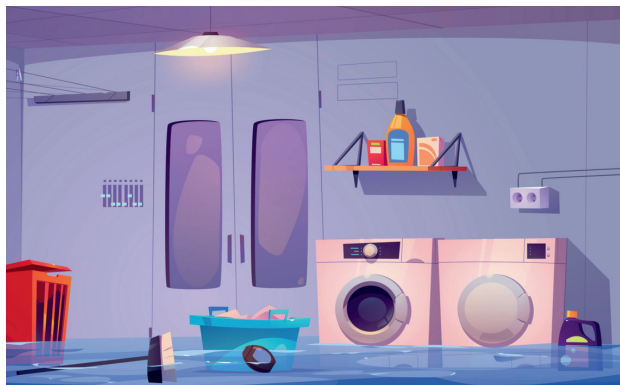


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- ☐ **Indoors:** Elevate valuables, flood-proof basements with sandbags, and move mechanical equipment above the floodplain.
- ☐ **Outdoors:** Declutter gutters and drains and tie-down outdoor furniture.
- ☐ Know how to **shut off** your utilities.
- ☐ Consider **flood insurance**. Visit [www.fema.gov/flood-insurance](http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance).
- ☐ **Know your** evacuation **zone**. Visit [Boston.gov/emergency](http://Boston.gov/emergency).

## DURING A FLOOD

- Monitor the forecast and emergency alerts.
- Unplug appliances to prevent electrical shock when power comes back on.
- Report non-emergency issues to 3-1-1.
- Check on your neighbors!
- Find an emergency shelter at [boston.gov/emergency](http://boston.gov/emergency)

### Cleaning up...



Take pictures of damage for documentation.



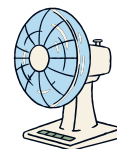
Protect yourself with gloves & boots.



Throw away damaged items.



Kill germs and mold: One cup bleach + One gallon water



Use fans and dehumidifiers for drying.

## AFTER A FLOOD

Flooding is the only natural hazard for which the Federal government provides insurance!

- 1 Contact your insurance provider.
- 2 Check if a disaster has been declared for Suffolk County and apply for FEMA Individual Assistance at [fema.gov/assistance/individual](http://fema.gov/assistance/individual)
- 3 Apply for a disaster loan through the Small Business Association at [lending.sba.gov/search-disaster](http://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster)

**Call 3-1-1**  
City Services

**Call 2-1-1**  
State Services

**Call 9-8-8**  
Emotional Support

