



Flood Safety and Awareness

National Weather Service

Springfield, Missouri



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- Hundreds of low water crossings across the Missouri Ozarks and extreme southeast Kansas are susceptible to flash floods. Be alert for flooded low water crossings and remember to “Turn Around - Don’t Drown”.
 - Do not drive into flooded areas. It only takes a foot of water to lift your car or truck, flip it over and sweep it downstream. More than half of people killed in floods are in vehicles.
 - Do not drive around a barricade. Barricades are there for your protection.
 - Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can knock you down.
 - Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams, rivers or creeks, particularly when thunderstorms are in or close to the area.
 - Be especially cautious at night when the dangers of flash flooding are difficult to recognize.
 - Children should never play around high water or storm drains. It is very easy to be swept away by fast moving water.
 - Before flooding occurs be aware of flood prone areas where you live or along the routes you drive.
 - A Flash Flood Watch means that flash flooding is possible in or near the watch area.
 - A Flash Flood Warning means that flooding is occurring in the area or will be very soon.
 - Keep a NOAA Weather Radio in good working order with you. Keep fresh batteries.
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Flood Resources

NWS Springfield Flood Decision Support Briefing - http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=flood_briefing

NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service - <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=sgf>

NWS Springfield Hazardous Weather Outlook - http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=dec_sup_main

NWS Flood Safety - <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=floodawarenessweek>

NWS Observed Rainfall - http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ridge2/RFC_Precip/index.php?site=sgf



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