



Building a Weather-Ready Nation

Flood Safety and Awareness



- 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 down stream. 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.

Flood Resources

Weather Ready Nation - <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation>

Flood Ready - <http://www.ready.gov/floods>

NWS Flood Safety - <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov>

NWS Springfield Flood Decision Support Briefing - http://www.weather.gov/sgf/embrief_flood

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

NWS Springfield Hazardous Weather Outlook - <http://www.weather.gov/sgf/ehwo>

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