

PREPARE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

Every family should prepare a Disaster Plan to include evacuation routes from your home as well as indicating a family meeting place (such as a friend or relative's house.) Check to see if you have insurance that covers flooding. If not, find out how to get flood insurance. Keep insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe-deposit box.

ASSEMBLE A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT CONTAINING:

- First Aid Kit and essential medications
- Canned food and can opener
- At least three gallons of water per person
- Protective clothing, rainwear, and bedding or sleeping bags
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
- Written instructions for how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn them back on.)
- Identify where you could go if told to evacuate. Choose several places...a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter.
- Keep in mind that Red Cross Shelters cannot accept pets because of state health and safety regulations. Service animals who assist people with disabilities are the only pets allowed in Red Cross Shelters. Pet owners should make arrangements for their animals before a disaster occurs.

Stay informed about the weather...
A NOAA Weather Radio programmed to 162.425
may save your life!

FLOOD WATCH - Flooding is possible within the designated WATCH area - Be Alert!

Action - Move valuables to higher floors of your home. Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued. Review your Family Disaster Plan!

FLOOD WARNING - Flooding has been reported or is imminent - take necessary precautions at once.

Action - Be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH - A Flash Flood Watch will be issued for potential rapid flooding from either torrential downpours, dam breaks or ice jam breaks - Be Alert!

Action - Review your Family Disaster Plan. Flash Flooding can only take a few minutes to develop. Be prepared to evacuate.

FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS - Flash Flooding has been reported or is imminent - act quickly.

Action - You may have only seconds, move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks and storm drains.

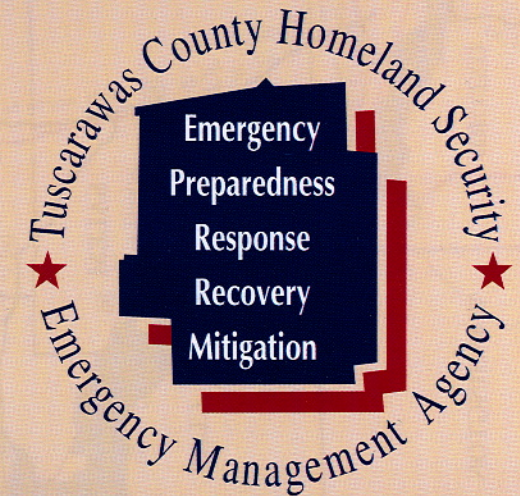
Do not drive through standing water or around barricades...they are there for your safety.

If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground. Remember only 6" of rapidly flowing water can knock you off your feet and 24" of water can float your vehicle.

A larger version of the Tuscarawas County Potential Evacuation routes map is available on our web site.

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TUSCARAWAS COUNTY DOVER DAM EVACUATION INFORMATION



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This information has been prepared to assist families and facilities in Tuscarawas County with their response to potential emergency situations that could occur from partial to complete failure of Dover Dam. For details on how to prepare individual disaster plans, please review the section inside this brochure or contact our office.

