

Responding to FLOOD WARNINGS

BEFORE A FLOOD - ACT TODAY

- * Call Floodline 0845 988 1188 to confirm/register for the free flood warning service
- * Check the details of your insurance policy and add cover if necessary. The average cost of flood damage to homes is £30,000. Ensure it includes alternative accommodation in case your home becomes uninhabitable
- * Talk to your neighbours about how you could work together in the event of a future flood

UNDERSTAND THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM



Flooding of low-lying land and roads is expected

What to do

- * Monitor local news and weather forecasts.
- * Be aware of water levels near you.
- * Be prepared to act on your flood plan.
- * Check on safety of pets and livestock.
- * Charge your mobile phone.



Flooding of homes and businesses is expected. Act Now.

What to do

- * Move cars, pets, food, valuables and important documents to safety.
- * Get flood protection equipment in place.
- * Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so.
- * Be prepared to evacuate your home.
- * Protect yourself, your family and help others.
- * Act on your flood plan.



Act now! Severe flooding is expected with extreme danger to life and property.

What to do

- * Collect things you need for evacuation.
- * Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so.
- * Stay in a high place with means of escape.
- * Avoid electricity sources.
- * Avoid walking or driving through flood water.
- * In danger call 999 immediately.
- * Listen to emergency services.
- * Act on your flood plan.



No further flooding is expected. Water levels will start to go down.

What to do

- * Keep listening to weather reports.
- * Only return to evacuated buildings if you are told it is safe.
- * Beware sharp objects and pollution in flood water.
- * If your property or belongings are damaged, contact your insurance company. Ask their advice before starting to clean up.

Keep alert to flood warnings in local and regional newspapers, on TV and local radio stations and on the Environment Agency(www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or www.floodforum.org.uk

For more information on flooding call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or visit www.ribblevalley.gov.uk or www.fightingfloods.co.uk