

FACTS ABOUT FLOODING



Often words are used to describe the type of flooding and associated weather conditions. Below is a glossary that can help to explain these words to children.

TYPES OF FLOODING & ALERTS

What does it mean when there is a **flood watch**?

- A flood watch is when the weather indicates the possibility of flooding.

What does it mean when there is a **flash flood warning**?

- A flash flood warning is given when water is expected to flood very quickly, usually between 3-6 hours.

What does it mean when there is a **flood warning**?

- A flood warning is issued when flooding is about to happen or is already occurring.

What does it mean when there is a **flood advisory**?

- A flood advisory is issued when flooding may cause inconvenience. It's important to use caution if travelling.

LEVELS OF FLOODING

- **Minor:** Minor means little or not very much damage to homes, roads or the community. It might be a little harder to get around.
- **Moderate:** Some flooding of homes and communities or roads. People in low-lying areas or near bodies of water may need to evacuate to a safe shelter.
- **Major:** Major is when there is A LOT of water. Water enters buildings and floods roads throughout the community making it very dangerous. Entire communities of people and animals will need to evacuate to a safe shelter.

REFERENCES:

- American Red Cross:
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/flood.html>
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network:
<https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/disasters/flood-resources>
- National Weather Service:
<https://www.weather.gov/aly/preparedness>



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