

- **Consider a precautionary evacuation of your animals, especially any large or numerous animals.** Waiting until the last minute could be fatal for them and dangerous for you. Where possible, move livestock to higher ground. If you are using a horse or other trailer to evacuate your animals, move early rather than wait until it may be too late to maneuver a trailer through slow traffic.

If a flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, you should:

- **Use a NOAA Weather Radio or listen continuously to a local station on a portable, battery-powered radio or television.**
- **Be alert to signs of flooding.** A warning means a flood is imminent or is happening in the area.
- **Bring your companion animals indoors and maintain direct control of them.** Be sure that your pet disaster kit and your family Disaster Supplies Kit are ready to go in case you need to evacuate.
- **If you live in a flood-prone area or think you are at risk, evacuate immediately.** Move quickly to higher ground. Save yourself, not your belongings. The most important thing is your safety.
- **If advised by authorities to evacuate, do so immediately.** Move to a safe area before access is cut off by floodwater. Evacuation is much simpler and safer before floodwater becomes too deep for vehicles to drive through.
- **Follow the instructions and advice of local authorities.** Local authorities are the most informed about affected areas and the most knowledgeable about areas you should avoid.
- **Follow recommended evacuation routes.** Shortcuts or alternative, non-recommended routes may be blocked or damaged by floodwater.
- **Leave early enough to avoid being marooned by flooded roads.** Delaying too long may allow all escape routes to become blocked.
- **If you evacuate, take your animals with you.** If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for your animals.