

Contact information

Emergency: 911

Coconino County Sheriff (928) 774-4523
(800) 338-7888

Coconino County Public Works
Department Main office (928) 526-2735
(800) 790-1990

Coconino County Emergency
Updated Information website:
www.coconino.az.gov

For further information and additional sources
in more detail:

www.readycoconino.az.gov

www.ready.gov

www.floodsmart.gov

www.fema.gov

www.epa.gov

www.az.211.gov

[www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-
response/guidelines](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/guidelines)



Coconino County
Emergency Management
5600 East Commerce
Flagstaff, AZ 86004



Coconino County Flood Preparedness



Winter storms and Summer monsoons
can bring rain to many parts of Arizona,
causing floods and loss of property.

**Are you prepared in the event of a
flood disaster? *Let* this information
help you. Preparing **now** can help
minimize the risk of damage and
reduce the repair costs.**

Quick Facts

- Most homeowners' insurance does not cover flood damage.
- Flood Insurance is mandatory if you live in a floodplain and have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender.
- Just an inch of water can cause costly damage to your property.
- A car can easily be carried away by just one foot of floodwater.
- Flash floods often bring walls of water 10 to 20 feet high.
- Disaster assistance, if available, is usually a loan you must repay with interest.



Emergency Preparedness

HAVE A PLAN. Develop an **Emergency Evacuation Plan.** Learn how to turn off the utilities at the main switch areas. Post emergency telephone numbers near the telephones. Plan the places to meet with your family and learn alternate routes. *Discuss this checklist with your family and adapt to fit your needs.*

BE READY. Have a **Kit** that includes a supply of water, non-perishable food, change of clothing, battery-operated radio, flashlight, blankets and sleeping bags. Include a First aid kit, credit cards & cash, list of important family information, copied important documents, computer files, medications, special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members. Add items to fit your family's needs. Have a "Go" Bag and a "Stay" Bag.

Easy Steps for Preparedness

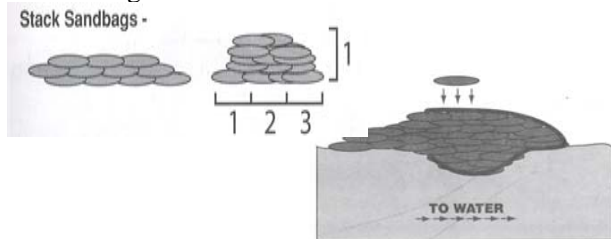
- If you have flooded before, you may be at risk in the future.
- Determine if you live in a flood area & take necessary steps for flood insurance.
- Pay attention to weather forecasts & flood warnings for your area.
- Anchor fuel tanks.
- Have clean water on hand.
- Plan for pet disaster needs. Identify pet shelters. Many emergency shelters for you and your family cannot accept pets.
- Move important objects & papers to a safe place.
- Before purchasing an existing home, check surrounding drainage issues.
- Avoid building in a floodplain unless you elevate & reinforce your home. Install roof drains.

Securing around your home

- The law states that historical drainage patterns cannot be altered.
- You can construct channels or drainage structures around the home to defend your home.

Sandbags

- Check with your local fire stations for **sandbags and sand**.
- Dig a key trench 4 to 6 inches deep and two sandbags wide.
- Fill your sandbags only 1/3 to 1/2 full for better stacking.



During the flood

If a flood is likely in your area:

- Pay attention to local radio, television and newspapers; also local government web pages such as www.readycoconino.az.gov and www.az211.gov; and the Coconino County Emergency Hotline at 1-888-679-8393. Listen to the NOAA weather radio for information.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water in case water becomes contaminated.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of flash flood, move to higher ground immediately.
- Prepare to evacuate and do the following: Secure your home. Move essential items to an upper floor. Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.
- Electric current passes easily through water, so stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Lock your door and tie a white towel outside your front door as a universal sign that your house is evacuated. Check with your neighbors to see who may need assistance.
- Do not walk through moving water.
- Do not drive into or attempt to cross flooded areas.



After the flood...



Return Home only when

authorities indicate it is safe.

- Avoid floodwaters; it may be contaminated or have electrical charges.
- Be aware of area where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse.
- Check for hazards when returning home
- If your home has suffered damage, call the agent who handles your flood insurance to file a claim.
- Take photos of any damage.
- Check for structural damage
- Do not use matches or any open flames upon re-entering your property.
- Keep power off until an electrician has inspected your system.
- Avoid using toilets and the tap until you have checked for sewage and water line damage.
- Throw away any food including canned goods that have come in contact with floodwaters.
- Boil water for drinking and food preparation.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage and chemicals.

- Have damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits and leaching systems serviced as soon as possible.
- Follow local building codes and ordinances when rebuilding.
- Mold may be present and may be a health risk for your family. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website contain information on mold cleanup and mold safety recommendations.
- General recovery guidelines of family documents, papers, and books include simply air drying as long as physical distortion is acceptable. For detail recovery guidelines, you can refer to the National Archives and Records Administration.

Flooding is very serious and can be life threatening. Please don't take the potential consequences lightly. Your responsibility to be prepared could save your family's and others lives.

