

Flash Flooding/Flooding

The majority of the area within Wichita Falls normally is not threatened by flooding or flash flooding, however, you need to determine if the area where you are living is in the flood plain. If you are, you need to know that your homeowner's insurance policy does not protect you from flood damage. Consult your insurance agent on how to purchase flood insurance. Do not wait for a flood to threaten your home before you purchase flood insurance as there is a 30-day delay between the date you purchase the policy and the date the policy becomes effective. If you have flood related questions, please call the Planning Department at 761-7451 or go to the Planning Divisions Flood Protection page.

For additional information on flood insurance and flood insurance costs, please click the following link:

What to do when there is flooding-Safety Tips

1. Do not drive through flooded areas; this includes streets that are flooded.
2. Do not walk through flooded areas. You can be swept off your feet and drowned.
3. Watch out for stray or wild animals. They may have lost their home and want to move into yours.
4. Watch out for downed power lines, avoid these as they can harm or kill.
5. If trapped, do not try to swim to safety. Move upwards and wait for rescuers.

After a flood

1. If your home is damaged, call your insurance agent.
2. Inspect the building foundation for cracks or other damage before entering. Do not enter a building that appears unsafe.
3. When inside a flood-damaged building, do not use cigarettes, lighters, or any other open flame. Gas leaks can cause fires when exposed to open flames.
4. Do not turn your utilities on to your home or business until after the building has been inspected and declared safe.
5. Be careful where you walk. Look out for obstacles and animals that normally are not present.