

Parish Councils Flood Grab Bag – Stay Safe – be prepared

What is a grab bag?

A small bag with important items you can take quickly if flooding happens

Keep it upstairs or near your door

Check it every 6 months

2 days before

Monitor flood warnings and weather forecasts

Start your grab bag

Charge phones, power banks and torches

Move important items upstairs

Check on neighbours or vulnerable people

1 day before

Check your bag again

Move your car to higher ground

Keep your bag by the door

Be ready to leave if told to do so

During a flood

Take your bag

Follow advice from emergency services

Never walk or drive through flood water

Listen for updates on radio or phone

After a flood

Return home when safe

Wear gloves and waterproof clothing

Take photos of damage before cleaning

Contact insurers and keep records

Restock your grab bag

What to include

High-visibility vest/jacket

Community contact list

Pen and notepad

Local flood plan summary

Map of vulnerable properties and key routes

Documents (passport, driving licence, insurance documents) in a waterproof wallet

Phone and charger/power banks

Torch (wind-up or battery) and spare batteries

Emergency cash and bank cards

Spare glasses/ hearing aid batteries

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Spare house keys
Camera/recording device
Prescribed medication / repeat prescriptions
First aid kit
Warm, waterproof clothing
Sturdy footwear (wellies / waterproof boots)
Toiletries (wipes, hand sanitiser, toilet items)
Water and snacks

Important numbers

Floodline: **0345 988 1188**

Emergency services (life at risk): **999**

Local council / highways: _____

Insurance emergency helpline: _____