

WHAT TO DO IF A FLOOD WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED

ACT EARLY - don't ignore the warnings

Move your car to a safe place

Pack a bag ready to evacuate

Put your flood defences in place

Put in place airbrick covers

Block sinks, baths, toilets, washing machines, dishwashers etc

Move valuables and electrical items to the first floor

Move or raise furniture

Take pets to safety

Pack a list of important contacts

Take photos to create a timeline of events

Follow advice from the EA, Emergency Services and the Emergency Volunteers

If time and safe to do so help your vulnerable neighbours

USEFUL CONTACTS

EA - flood alerts and warnings.
<http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood/31618.aspx>

EA- river levels. <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels>

Met Office Weather -
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast>

Facebook- Cockermouth Flood Action Group

www.cumbriacommunitymessageing.co.uk

Cockermouth Emergency Response Group - CERG.org.uk

Cockermouth Emergency Response Group
email: chair@cerg.org.uk

FLOODING IN COCKERMOUTH

IS YOUR HOME AT RISK?

BE READY

Cockermouth
Emergency Response Group

FLOOD ALERTS AND WARNINGS- SIGN UP

Check on the Environment Agency Website to identify if you are likely to be affected by flooding.

If you are sign up for flood warnings to your phone, mobile or email at any time day or night when flooding is imminent.

<https://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/register>

Or phone: 0345 988 1188

SANDBAGS

Sandbags and floodsaxs can be useful in diverting flowing water.

Sandbags and floodsaxs are available from Cockermouth Library and the Town Hall. Be prepared and get your personal supply of these now.

MAKE A PLAN

- Where to move your car?
- Where will you go?
- How/ where will you meet as a family
- Know your local flood warning area
- Know how to turn off gas, electricity and water
- What to take, have ready
 - Medication
 - Mobile and charger
 - iPad/ laptop/chargers
 - Toiletries and change of clothes
 - Torch and radio
 - Food and flask
 - Waterproof clothing
 - Insurance details
 - Wallet/purse

Consider using the personal flood plan template from the Environment Agency.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444659/LIT_4112.pdf

NEED HELP/CAN HELP?

Will you need help to put up floodgates or move furniture?
Can you volunteer to help e.g pack boxes, move furniture, make tea?

Register with Cockermouth Emergency Response Group
Email: chair@cerg.org.uk

INSURANCE

Make sure your insurance is up to date and the information and contact details are in a safe place.

Ensure the insurance covers you for flood damage

Ask about the Flood Re scheme when renewing your insurance

FLOOD PREVENTION

Flood prevention products can be useful, especially in smaller events. Consider lockable airbrick covers and floodgates for external doors.

Waterproof tape to seal windows and large waterproof bags which furniture can be lifted into can be helpful

BLOCKED DRAINS

Report blocked drains to CCC Highways

0300 303 2992

Out of hours call 999 if there is an imminent threat of flooding