

WHAT TO DO IF A FLOOD WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED:

- ACT EARLY! DON'T IGNORE WARNINGS
- MOVE YOUR CAR TO A SAFE PLACE
- PACK A BAG AND BE READY TO EVACUATE
- PUT YOUR FLOOD DEFENCES IN PLACE
- PUT AIRBRICK COVERS IN PLACE
- BLOCK SINKS, BATHS, TOILETS, WASHING MACHINES, DISHWASHERS, ETC
- MOVE VALUABLES AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS TO A HIGHER 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 THERE IS TIME AND IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, HELP YOUR VULNERABLE NEIGHBOURS



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Flooding in Cockermouth

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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 in a danger area, sign up to receive imminent flood warnings at any time, day or night, to your home phone, mobile, or email.

The Environment Agency can be found at gov.uk

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 for furniture such as chairs can also be useful.

SANDBAGS

Sandbags and Floodsax can help divert flowing water and mitigate flooding. You may wish to look into purchasing some for your home, as these are no longer held by Cumberland Council.

INSURANCE

Make sure your insurance is up to date and covers you for flood damage. Keep insurance information and contact details in a safe place.

Ask about the Flood Re scheme when renewing your insurance.

MAKE A PLAN

- Where to move your car?
- Where will you go?
- How/where will your family meet up?
- Know your local flood warning areas
- Know how to turn off your gas, electricity, and water
- What to take/have ready:
 - Medications, toiletries and a change of clothes
 - Mobile phone, iPad, Laptops, etc, with chargers
 - Torch and radio
 - Food, water flask, waterproof clothing
 - Insurance details
 - Wallet/Purse

NEED HELP? CAN YOU HELP?

Our volunteers work under your supervision to help with flood barriers etc, and it is your responsibility to oversee them. If you need help learning to use your flood barriers, or are well versed and can offer instruction to someone who has never used them, please feel free to get in touch.

BLOCKED DRAINS

Report blocked drains to CCC Highways.

www.cumberland.gov.uk
0300 373 3736

Out of hours ring 999 if there is imminent threat of a flood.

RESOURCES

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan