

NACIONALNI MESEC PRIPRAVLJENOSTI: PRIPRAVA NA POPLAVE

ŠKODA ZARADI POPLAV

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Nacionalni mesec pripravljenosti, ki ga sponzorira Zvezna agencija za obvladovanje izrednih razmer (FEMA) in poteka vsak september, ponuja posameznikom dragocene priložnosti, da se naučijo, kako se pripraviti na izredne razmere v svojih domovih, podjetjih, šolah in skupnostih. Letos sodelujte tako, da se naučite, kako se lahko pripravite na poplave, ki jih lahko povzročijo vrsta različnih nesreč. Poplave lahko povzročijo škodo v vašem domu, od plesni, vpliva na strukturno celovitost, puščanja temeljev in celo nevarnosti za zdravje.

Kako se pripraviti na poplavo? Berite naprej, saj ne samo, da predstavljajo težave za vaš dom in lastnino, ampak se hudourniške poplave zgodijo hitro in lahko hitro postanejo nevarne.

POMEN PRIPRAVLJENOSTI NA POPLAVE

Po podatkih [Ready.gov](#) so poplave najpogostejša naravna nesreča v ZDA. To je morda zato, ker lahko do poplav pride zaradi številnih okoliščin, vključno z:

- Hude nevihte
- Taljenje snega
- Dolgotrajna obdobja dežja
- Prelivanje jezov ali vodnih sistemov

Medtem ko so v [ZDA poplavna območja](#), kjer obstaja večja nevarnost poplav, je ogroženo vsako mesto. Ker se lahko pojavijo brez opozorila in se pojavljajo vse leto, je ključnega pomena, da se pripravite na poplave, preden lahko povzročijo znatno škodo na vašem premoženju. Običajna [škoda zaradi poplav](#), ki jo lahko povzročijo vaš dom, vključuje:

- Strukturne poškodbe vašega doma in vsebine
- Električna poškodba
- Plesen
- Onesnažena pitna voda
- Zemeljski plazovi
- Bakterije iz stoječe vode
- Poškodovani kanalizacijski sistemi

Da bi ublažili ta tveganja, zagotovite, da imate pripravljen načrt za poplavo in odziv, ko pride do morebitne nevarnosti poplave.

KAKO SE PRIPRAVITI NA POPLAVO

Ko grozi hudo vreme, lahko vnaprejšnja pripravljenost pomaga zaščititi vas in vaše ljubljene. Bodite pripravljeni, preden se na vašem območju izda nadzor ali opozorilo o poplavih z naslednjim kontrolnim seznamom za pripravljenost na poplave:

1. Zavedajte se svojega tveganja. Nekatera območja so bolj dovzetna za poplave kot druga. Preden se začnete pripravljati na poplavo v vašem domu, [ugotovite, ali je vaša hiša na poplavnem območju](#).

2. sestavite komplet za nujne primere. V svoj komplet vključite osnovne stvari, kot so hrana, voda, svetilka, dodatne baterije in zdravila. Poskusite imeti na zalogi vsaj tridnevno zalogo potrebščin, za primer, če boste obtičali ali boste morali evakuirati območje brez opozorila. Če imate hišne ljubljence, dodajte njihove osnovne stvari v [komplet za nujne primere](#) ali ustvarite ločen [komplet za nujne primere za hišne ljubljence](#). Ne pozabite, da morda nimate dostopa do čiste vode ali elektrike, zato imejte pri roki čisto, filtrirano vodo, generatorje in polnilce za telefone na sončno energijo.

3. Bodite obveščeni. Naročite se na sistem vremenskih opozoril vaše skupnosti, da boste v realnem času prejeli pomembne posodobitve. Prav tako je dobro, da se prijavite za prejetje opozoril sistema za obveščanje v sili in Nacionalne uprave za oceane in atmosfero (tudi Nacionalne vremenske službe). Če prejmete obvestilo o poplavih ali obvestilo o poplavih dovolj zgodaj, boste morda imeli čas zaščititi svoj dom pred znatno škodo.

4. Načrtujte evakuacijsko pot. Natančno vedite, kam boste šli, če pride do nesreče, z načrtom za odzivanje na poplave. Najprej se obrnite na lokalno skupnost, da izveste, ali že obstajajo vnaprej določene evakuacijske poti in zavetišča. Če ne, načrtujte svojo pot. Poskusite imeti več kot eno izhodno pot iz svoje soseke, če so ceste zaprte, in vključite svo družino, tako da skupaj vadite svojo evakuacijsko pot.

5. Protect Your Property. One of the most important things you can do to protect your property from [flood damage](#) is to look at your homeowners insurance policy. Unfortunately, most standard policies don't cover damage caused by floods. Contact your insurance agent to determine which additional coverage you may need (such as flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program) before the worst happens.

6. Use Flood Damage-Resistant Material. Certain construction materials can help reduce the amount of water damage your home or business suffers in the event of a flood. These special materials can handle direct contact with floodwaters for up to 72 hours without sustaining the kind of significant damage that will require major repairs. Here are the top flood-resistant materials to consider before building or remodeling certain areas of your property:

- Floors:** Use concrete, pressure-treated lumber, or clay and ceramic tiles.
- Walls & Ceilings:** Use brick, metal, concrete and stone.
- Doors:** Use hollow metal doors and cabinets instead of solid wood.
- Surfaces:** Use polyester epoxy paint for added protection.

7. Raise Electrical System Components. Water and electricity don't mix, which means floods can wreak havoc on your property's electrical system. You could face thousands of dollars in equipment repairs or even fall victim to a devastating fire sparked by live wires coming into direct contact with water.

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Raising your electrical system components can go a long way toward protecting your property when water gets involved. Follow these tips to get started:

Ideally, all electrical components should be raised approximately one foot above the 100-year flood level. Learn more about how this number is calculated from the S. Geological Survey.

Consult with a licensed professional to find out how high you can move electrical meters, switches and outlets. Your local power company can also help you determine how high you can raise your power meter.

Upgrade your fuse box to a more modern circuit breaker system so it can handle high fluctuations in power.

8. Utilize Sewer Backflow Valves. Sometimes flood waters can cause sewage from your sewer lines to back up, pushing contaminated water back through drainage pipes and into your home or business. This damage is not only costly, but also a serious health risk. Installing a backflow valve can prevent overloaded drain pipes from pushing return flow into your property. Configurations range from simple flap-style valves to complex gate valves and those with both. Consider the following tips before choosing your new sewer backflow valve:

Look for complex valve designs that use both flap and gate styles for extra protection.

All valves should be installed on the main waste drain pipes leaving your building, or lines connected to equipment below the designated flood level.

Only allow a licensed plumbing company to make alterations to your plumbing or sewer lines.

Structures with sump pumps use underground lines, which may be more difficult to seal.

9. Store Documents in a Waterproof Container. [Protect your important documents](#) such as passports, birth certificates, house and car titles, and Social Security cards, and other hard-to-replace items should be stored in a waterproof container. It can be a major added stressor to your life if you are dealing with flooding, while also trying to contact the DMV or title company trying to get replacements for your important papers.

10. Protect Your Property By Clearing Debris. Clear debris around your property to ease the risk of debris falling onto or damaging your home as a result of strong wind from the storm. The best way to do this is to keep up with outdoor maintenance, like making sure you cut down dead or dying trees or plants, while also securing any larger items that may damage your home's walls.

11. Purchase Flood Insurance Protection. Floods are the number one national disaster in the U.S. [Flood insurance](#) may pay for some home repairs and replacements of damaged belongings. You have the option to choose a variety of coverage levels, but remember that you'll likely need to meet your deductible before your policy will kick in.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS IS KEY

Flooding happens quickly and often there is no warning—that's why it's critical to prepare as much as possible before disaster strikes. While [preparing for a flood](#) can help protect your family, your home and your belongings from disaster, it's also crucial to learn [what to do after a flood](#) hits your area to ensure you stay protected. If you're dealing with [flooding damage to your home](#) as a result of a storm, rely on the experts from ServiceMaster Restore to help bring your home back to normal.

For more preparedness tips and information, including ways you can get involved with your community, visit [Ready.gov](#) and view this year's [National Preparedness Month](#) resources.

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Ko pomislite na poplavo, se verjetno zdi zelo preprosta stvar. Dež, dež, dež. Vode nikjer. Poplavljanje. Vendar pa ni čisto tako preprosto. Obstaja več različnih vrst poplav in škoda, ki jo lahko povzročijo vsaka vašemu domu, je lahko ...

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