

Are you prepared for an evacuation due to flooding?

Evacuation Checklist:

- Gather up important records, valuables, photo albums, and put in safety deposit box or other safe location.
- Gather prescription medicines and first aid supplies in a container ready to travel.
- Make video or photographic inventory of property and contents, plus vehicles. Gather receipts of high value items.
- If there are elderly or other members of the household with specialized medical needs, plan ahead for relocation. Provide MidAmerican Energy (1-888-427-5632) with list of all life support equipment required.
- Figure out alternative location to live (friends, relatives, Red Cross Shelter) – anywhere out of floodplain. Plan how you will get to that location.
- Plan for a temporary location for pets either with you or with someone else, veterinarian, kennel, or pet-friendly hotel. There is an emergency shelter for those pet animals with no other options for housing. Call Iowa City Animal Care at 356-5295 to ask about admitting your pet(s). Do not take animals directly to the shelter – call first.
- Keep gas tank filled and cell phone charged.
- Secure home; move furniture and essential items to higher floors.
- If you have time and your basement has no water, unplug as many appliances as you can. If possible, move them to a higher level. DO NOT attempt this if you are standing in water or if the floor is damp. Do not go into the basement if water already covers the outlets. Unplug other appliances throughout the house.
- Remove food from freezers and refrigerators, bag and bring to the curb.
- If you have time, bring hazardous materials (paint, varnish, oil, gas, pesticides, etc.) to a higher level in the house away from floodwaters.
- Pack like you are going for a long vacation. Take essential items only.
- Be current on your tetanus shot and update if necessary. Consult doctor.
- Utilities Shut Off Directions:
 - Contact MidAmerican Energy to turn off gas and electricity – (1-888-427-5632 answered 24/7)
 - Turn off water at main valve by water meter normally located inside the house. Call 356-5130 (normal business hours) if you are unable to do this yourself. When you have time, you are advised to temporarily suspend utilities service by calling 319-356-5066 (normal business hours).
 - Place sandbag over basement floor drain.

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- Forward mail to temporary address. Notify Post Office of change of address at any Post Office. Online change of address form at <https://moversguide.usps.com/ICOA>.
- Leave a white cloth wrapped on your front door handle to indicate you have evacuated your residence.
- Have battery-operated radio handy and listen for important alerts and information.
- Listen and heed any warnings given to you by emergency personnel.
- Do not walk through moving water. 6" of moving water can cause falls. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away.

Important Phone Numbers:

Red Cross: 1-866-438-4636

Emergency Animal Shelter – 319-356-5295.



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