

# Preparedness Roundup

## “Spring Hazard Preparedness”



#KnowYourRisk  
#SpringFloods  
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### Flood Tips

If your community is experiencing a rapid increase in temperature following a heavy snowfall, abnormal or excessive rain, or is located along a low lying coastal area or river basin, you may be at an increased risk of flooding.

- **Listen to local news outlets and follow the advice of local officials.** Pay particular attention to abrupt changes in local weather patterns, and listen for evacuation warnings from emergency personnel.
- **Be prepared to evacuate quickly.** Keep your vehicle’s gas tank topped off during the winter and spring, and make sure that everyone in your household knows the evacuation plan and is aware of their specific roles.
- **Stay away from floodwaters.** If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, you should stop, turn around, and go another way. Six inches of swiftly moving water can knock you off of your feet, while less than two feet can easily sweep a vehicle away.
- **Always keep children out of the water and away from recently flooded areas.** Children tend to be curious and often lack judgment about these potential hazards. Flowing streams and rivers can quickly surge, while muddied waters can conceal depth and other dangerous obstacles.

### Landslide Tips

- **Learn about your area’s landslide risk.** Landslides generally happen in areas where they have occurred in the past. Visit the Association of American Geologists’ [webpage](#) to learn about your risk.
- **Be prepared to get out quickly.** If your at-risk area is experiencing excessive rainfall or rapid temperature increases following heavy snow, you should be prepared to put your evacuation plan into action quickly and safely.
- **Be especially alert when driving** — watch for collapsed pavement, mud, falling rocks and other indications of possible debris flow.
- **Always keep children away from areas affected by recent mudflows.** The debris left behind from landslides is often very unstable and may contain sharp rocks and broken tree limbs.

### Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>



### Next Week at ARC... Flu Safety and Prevention



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