

D'Iberville Fire Department Safety Tips

Subject: Floods

If your residence is in a flood prone area:

- **Fill bathtubs, sinks, and plastic bottles with clean water.** Water may become contaminated or service may be interrupted.
- **Bring indoor belongings, such as patio furniture, indoors.** Unsecured items may be swept away and damaged by flood waters.
- **Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.** If flood waters affect your home, higher floors are less likely to receive damage.
- **If you are instructed by local authorities, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve.** Some areas, local authorities may advise you to turn off utilities to prevent further damage to homes in the community.
- **Get your pre assembled disaster supplies ready.** You may need to act quickly. Having your supplies ready will save time.
- **Fill your cars gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.** If electric power is shut off, gas stations may not be able to operate pumps for several days.
- **Be prepared to evacuate.** Local officials may ask you to leave if they truly feel your home is at risk from flood waters.
- **Stay out of areas subject to flooding.** Dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc., can become filled with water.
- **If outdoors climb to high ground and stay there.** Move away from dangerous flood waters.
- **If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around, and go the other way.** Never try to walk, swim, or drive through such swift water. Most flood fatalities are caused by people attempting to drive through water, or people playing in high water. If it is moving swiftly, even water six inches deep can sweep you off your feet.