

## Evacuation Plan—Where to Go (Contingencies)

When the flood waters arrive, do you know where to go?

### DO:

- ◆ Know the safest route away from your home
- ◆ Go up—if the roads are impassible, go uphill to a safer location

### DO NOT:

- ◆ Drive across flooded roads or washes
  - ◆ The water may be too deep to cross
- ◆ Wade through flooded areas
  - ◆ Rapidly flowing water can sweep you off your feet



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## Taking Action — What to do When the Flash Flooding Occurs

Flash flooding is a concern every Monsoon season. This year, due to the record wild-fires across the state, the flash flood risk has increased across many areas. Do you know what to do when the flood waters arrive? This pamphlet will help prepare you for the floods.



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## Know The Signs

- ◆ Get Ready—Thunderstorm clouds build over the mountains (typically early in the day)
  - ◆ Dark areas under the thunderstorm clouds imply heavy rainfall
  - ◆ The rain may not fall on you—remember, flooding occurs downstream of the heavy rain.
- ◆ Get Set—Monitor the News and weather observations for your area
- ◆ Go—Flash Flood Warning issued for your area
  - ◆ The News or weather observations may also indicate flooding is imminent for your area

## Prepare Now—The 5 P's of Immediate Evacuation (Ready.Gov)

Have these items ready to go before the flooding arrives:

- ◆ People/Pets
- ◆ Papers—Important Documents
- ◆ Pictures—Irreplaceable Memories
- ◆ Prescriptions—Medications, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids
- ◆ Personal Computer—Information on Hard Drives, Disks, or Back-Up Drives

**Do not wait for the flood waters to become prepared**



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## Take Action

When the flood waters arrive, be ready to take action.

### DO:

- ◆ Be ready to leave on a moments notice
- ◆ Stay aware of weather conditions (monitor NOAA Weather Radio, rainfall observations, [www.weather.gov/tucson](http://www.weather.gov/tucson))



- ◆ Have multiple evacuation plans and routes
- ◆ Be sure your roof is fitted with proper gutters and downspouts