






# How to improve your home's flood-readiness


We want you to be confident that you're prepared, whatever the future holds. Here are some practical tips to help you get your home ready.

## Do it yourself

-  Clear roofs, gutters and drains on or near your home regularly and check nothing's stopping water draining away.\*
- \*Take the right safety measures before starting and get professional help for any risky jobs.

 Sign up for flood warnings and allow notifications and alerts from official weather warning apps.
-  Store items that could get water-damaged on a higher floor, if possible.

## Ask an expert

-  Install "check valves" to prevent water backing up into drains.

## You should always...

- Be ready with an evacuation plan, including where to meet and how to communicate.
- Save a list of local emergency numbers on your phone (e.g. your GP, the council).
- Prepare a 'ready bag' with essentials like water, food, waterproof clothing and wellies.
- Take your most important documents and insurance details.
- Check and update your insurance – flood cover is often an add-on. Without it, you may not be covered for any damage.