



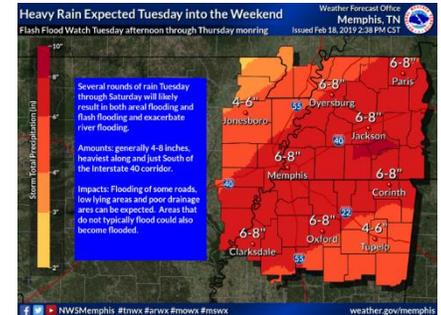
News Release

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Excessive Rain Predicted - Prepare for Potential Flooding

The MidSouth is preparing for possible flash flooding conditions this week, as rainfall amounts are expected to reach four to eight inches. The National Weather Service- Memphis predicts a prolonged wet weather pattern for Shelby County beginning Tuesday, bringing widespread rainfall and a risk for flash flooding. "Review your personal preparedness plans and stay alert for changing weather conditions", said Brenda Jones, Director, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office, Shelby County Government.



- **First Round:** Tuesday through Saturday, with four to eight inches of rain possible. Flash flooding and river flooding are possible along with rapid rises in river, stream and creek levels.
- **Second Round:** Widespread lowland flooding is possible and poor drainage urban areas may experience street flooding.

BEFORE:

- **Listen to the forecast:** Stay weather ready! Have two ways to receive weather alerts:
 - Have a NOAA battery-powered radio and download weather apps.
 - **Know the terms:**
 - Flash flood advisory:* be aware.
 - Flash flood watch:* prepare to act fast Flash flood warning: take action - flash flooding is imminent. or occurring. Go to higher ground.
- **Have a flood safety plan:**
 - **Know where and how** if you must evacuate
 - Know two alternative ways out of your neighborhood.
 - **Go kit:** Have an emergency "go kit" that is portable and includes your family and pets for seven days.
- **Home Inventory:** Create a home inventory with photos, videos, and receipts.
- **Insurance:** Purchase flood insurance for home and business at www.floodsmart.gov.
- **Pets:** Do not leave pets behind. Ensure pets are ready to evacuate with you.

DURING:

- **Never drive into floodwaters.**
- Six inches of water can knock an adult off their feet and cause loss of vehicle control. **Remember...Turn Around, Don't Drown!**
- NEVER drive around barricades.
- Use caution at night. You may not be able to see debris or flood water.

AFTER: Use caution! Check for structural damage before re-entering a structure.

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Resource: National Weather Service: www.weather.gov