

# PREPARE FOR FLASH FLOODING NOW

***Burned out areas are at high risk for flash flooding; even a distant rainstorm can quickly flood your location***

## STAY AHEAD OF DISASTER and MAKE A PLAN

Closely monitor a weather radio for real time weather conditions

- Monitor the weather through TV, radio, reliable social media channels and phones. Use a weather radio for real-time weather conditions
- Plan evacuation routes
- Identify higher ground
- Know where to shelter



## BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have a basic supply kit ready to go with enough supplies to last each family member at least 3 days, including:

- Food and water
- Change of clothes
- Important documents
- Medicine
- Pets and pet supply needs



## MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN YOUR HOME KNOWS WHAT TO DO DURING A FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY

- Identify who will round up the pets, grab the emergency kit, etc.
- Make sure everyone knows where to meet
- Create a phone/call tree if necessary



## FOLLOW EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS AND NEWS OUTLETS

- Take warnings seriously. Follow instructions and evacuate immediately if told to do so. Don't Wait!
- DO NOT attempt to cross flooded roadways on foot or in a vehicle. If you come across a flooded roadway, turn around and search for higher ground
- Local officials will communicate with you about where to find shelters



For more information, call the state's Fire Resources Hotline at 800-432-2080 or visit [NM Department of Homeland Security & Emergency | \(nmdhsem.org\)](http://www.nmdhsem.org)