

Parish Councils Flood Grab Bag – Stay Safe – be prepared

What is a grab bag?

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A small bag with important items you can take quickly if flooding happens

Keep it upstairs or near your door

Check it every 6 months

2 days before

Monitor flood warnings and weather forecasts

Start your grab bag

Charge phones, power banks and torches

Move important items upstairs

Check on neighbours or vulnerable people

1 day before

Check your bag again

Move your car to higher ground

Keep your bag by the door

Be ready to leave if told to do so

During a flood

Take your bag

Follow advice from emergency services

Never walk or drive through flood water

Listen for updates on radio or phone

After a flood

Return home when safe

Wear gloves and waterproof clothing

Take photos of damage before cleaning

Contact insurers and keep records

Restock your grab bag

What to include

Parish Council emergency contact list

Community building keys/ access details

Site plans for village hall/hubs

USB stick with emergency documents

Basic signage (if available)

Documents (passport, driving licence, insurance documents) in a waterproof wallet

Phone and charger/power banks

Torch (wind-up or battery) and spare batteries

Emergency cash and bank cards

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Spare glasses/ hearing aid batteries
Spare house keys
Camera/recording device
Prescribed medication / repeat prescriptions
First aid kit
Warm, waterproof clothing
Sturdy footwear (wellies / waterproof boots)
Toiletries (wipes, hand sanitiser, toilet items)
Water and snacks

Important numbers

Floodline: **0345 988 1188**

Emergency services (life at risk): **999**

Local council / highways: _____

Insurance emergency helpline: _____