1. ARE YOU AT RISK OF FLOODING?

**YOUR HOME**

You have experienced a flooding event or want to proactively protect your home from the impacts of flooding.

**CHECKLIST TO ASSESS RISK**

- Your living area is on the 1st floor or basement
- Your building mechanical/electrical is in the basement
- Your doors/windows are at grade
- You have basement storage
- You rely on public transportation
- You have pets
- You need groceries
- You are new to Cambridge
- You rely on medical equipment that requires power

**YOU/YOUR FAMILY**

*Stressors causing greater vulnerability include:*

- Lack of emergency funds; poor health or limited mobility; limited English skills; children, adults at risk of isolation.

2. ASSESS POSSIBLE IMPACTS

**YOUR BUILDING**

- Your insurance policy doesn’t cover flood damage and you have to pay for repairs.
- You experience loss of power.
- Your basement floods and you lose valuables.
- You are unable to access or leave your home.
- Mold grows weeks after flooding occurs.

**YOU/YOUR FAMILY**

- You suffer from loss of food/medication due to power shortage.
- Your childcare is closed because of flooding.
- Your pets suffer.
- Your bike/car is damaged.
### 3. WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### BEFORE

- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Stock go-kit including bottled water
- Raise important items at risk to flooding
- Introduce yourself to neighbors
- Clean storm drains around property
- Keep your phone charged
- Consider adding flood insurance
- Check sump pump

#### DURING

- Call 911 if you feel you are at risk
- Avoid traveling
- Do a periodic check of at-risk areas
- Check on neighbors
- Stay away from downed power lines

#### AFTER

- Review Extreme Weather Toolkit for more permanent solutions
- Rebuild using water-resistant materials
- Check for moisture & mold from 1-8 weeks post flood
- Don’t enter a flooded basement
- Avoid electrical shock
- Contact the City on how to get rid of damaged items
- Notify family and friends

*Fill out blank spaces with actions specific to you*

### 4. RESOURCES

Learn about what changes you can make to **protect your building:**
[www.cambridgema.gov/climateprep](http://www.cambridgema.gov/climateprep)

Sign up for **Cambridge emergency alerts**, such as **CodeRed:**
[www.cambridgema.gov/subscribe](http://www.cambridgema.gov/subscribe)

Create a **go-kit:**
[www.cambridgepublichealth.org/publications/Familypreparednessbrochure.pdf](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/publications/Familypreparednessbrochure.pdf)

Check the **FloodViewer:**
[https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/FloodMap](https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/FloodMap)