



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

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Flood Safety Preparedness Week

Chatham County, GA (March 5, 2021) – Flooding is a common occurrence throughout Chatham County this time of year. Unlike a tropical storm or hurricane, flooding can occur year-round and with little or no time to prepare or evacuate. To help our residents better understand the risks of flooding and how to prepare the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, are recognizing the week of March 8-12 as Flood Safety Preparedness Week.

Flood Safety Preparedness Week showcases a new tip each day to inform Chatham County residents of the hazards, safety and preparation for floods.

- **Monday, March 8 – Flood Safety, Preparedness, and Awareness:** Make a plan, build a ready kit and communicate with your household and community to so you're prepared in case of a flood.
- **Tuesday, March 9 – Turn Around, Don't Drown:** Never attempt to drive through floodwaters. Two feet of moving water can carry away a full-sized car.
- **Wednesday, March 10 – Flood Hazards:** Stay out of floodwaters if possible. The water can be contaminated or electrically stalls. However, if your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, leave the vehicle and seek higher ground.
- **Thursday, March 11 – NWS Water Resources and Services:** Many homeowner's insurance policies don't cover floods. Make sure you're financially ready for a flood event by visiting www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program and remember: flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect, so sooner is better than later.

- **Friday, March 12 – Partner Services:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) can provide you with resources and tips to help you prepare for a flood.

For more information and resources visit www.ChathamEmergency.org or @ChathamEMA on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for preparedness tips and emergency information.

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