

...THIS WEEK IS TORNADO AND SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK...

FLASH FLOODS OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF HEAVY RAINS FALLING OVER A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME...USUALLY ONLY A FEW HOURS OR LESS. THEY CAN ALSO BE CAUSED BY ICE JAMS ON RIVERS OR EVEN A DAM OR LEVEE BREAK. THE SUDDEN BUILDUP OF WATER CAN CAUSE A LARGE CREST OF WATER TO MOVE QUICKLY DOWNSTREAM WIPING OUT MOST EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH. FLASH FLOODS ARE CAPABLE OF ROLLING BOULDERS...TEARING OUT TREES AND DESTROYING BUILDINGS QUICKLY WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING.

A FLASH FLOOD WATCH IS ISSUED WHEN A LOCALITY PRONE TO FLASH FLOODING IS THREATENED BY VERY HEAVY RAINS. DURING A WATCH... RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ALERT FOR SIGNS OF RISING WATER. BE PREPARED TO FLEE TO HIGHER GROUND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE NO TIME FOR AN ADDITIONAL WARNING.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUES A FLASH FLOOD WARNING WHEN A FLASH FLOOD IS OCCURRING OR IS IMMINENT IN A SPECIFIC LOCALITY. WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED...GET OUT OF THE DANGER AREA AND TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SET UP CAMP NEAR A STREAM...BE SURE TO PLACE YOUR CAMP WELL ABOVE THE STREAM LEVEL. IT IS ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO PLAN AN ESCAPE ROUTE IN ADVANCE SHOULD A FLOOD OCCUR. IF YOU ARE IN A STEEP VALLEY OR CANYON...DO NOT TRY TO OUTFRAN THE FLOOD. LEAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND CLIMB TO HIGHER GROUND.

MOST IMPORTANTLY...ALWAYS MONITOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN YOUR AREA. IF FLASH FLOODING IS A THREAT WHERE YOU ARE LOCATED...STAY TUNED TO YOUR LOCAL TV AND RADIO STATIONS AND NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON WATCHES AND WARNINGS FOR YOUR AREA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SEVERE WEATHER...AND THE LATEST WEATHER FORECAST... GO TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GREEN BAY WEB SITE AT...
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