

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

**Clarksburg Fire Protection District
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The Clarksburg Fire Protection District has not been evacuated since RD 999's west levee was finished in 1921. However, this plan has been written with a firm belief in the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared". In an impending flood disaster this information may serve as suggestions for the numerous items that need to be addressed during a critical period. Your local Reclamation District manages flood control and levee operation in conjunction with Yolo County, state, and federal agencies. Your Fire Protection District will coordinate an evacuation when required.

MONITOR STAGE

When the water in the Sacramento River has reached 17 ft. on the Clarksburg Marina staff, Reclamation District 999 will advise the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) that the water has reached the **MONITOR STAGE**. The Monitor Stage is the first stage of alert and is routinely reached in most wet years. At this stage, the Levee Patrol Coordinator will activate the levee patrol procedures. Should you observe any abnormal situation relating to the levees, call the Reclamation District 999 office at (916) 417-0999.

Monitor Stage recommendations include: Keeping yourself, your family and any employees aware that the District is in a Monitor Stage.

FLOOD STAGE

The FLOOD STAGE is 24 ft. on the Clarksburg Marina staff. Flood stage increases our level of alert. This is the second level of alert and does not mean that a flood is in progress.

DANGER STAGE

The **DANGER STAGE** is reached when the water at Clarksburg Marina staff reaches 25 ft., or trouble develops within any of the Reclamation Districts. Yolo County OES will be advised and the following additional steps taken:

- Levee patrol will commence on a minimum basis of four times a day.
- People within the District will be notified that the **DANGER STAGE** has been declared. You should be prepared to evacuate.
- When the **DANGER STAGE** is declared, the infirm and disabled in your care should be evacuated to a safe area which you have selected in advance. **You may notify the Fire District by calling (916) 744-1700.**

EVACUATION

The Fire Chief is the **Evacuation Coordinator** and the point of contact for any information pertinent to an evacuation. If an evacuation becomes necessary, the fire district will make reasonable effort to notify the effected residents.

When levee failure and flooding are imminent, you will be informed that a MANDATORY EVACUATION is in progress by tuning to KFBK 1530 AM. or 93.1 F.M. During the DANGER STAGE and EVACUATION keep your radio tuned to KFBK.

The evacuation of the affected reclamation district in the Fire District will be carried out in the following manner:

- The fire siren will sound a steady tone.
- Reasonable notification efforts will be made to residents. Take only irreplaceable possessions and leave immediately.
- The Yolo-Alert, Reverse 911 system will be activated to alert all landline telephones of the evacuation. If you wish to receive alerts on a cellular telephone, you must set up an account and register the telephone number at www.yolo-alert.org in advance.
- Flooding permitting, safe passage out of the area can be made via the Paintersville (Courtland) Bridge, Freeport Bridge or West Sacramento.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The Reclamation District Manager and Fire Chief will request that Yolo County restrict access into the affected area. The Sheriff's office may then limit access in accordance with their procedures.

When leaving the area, be sure to take photo identification with your local address included on the form. Restricted re-entry may be in place and you will need to prove your residency.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO BEFORE A FLOOD

Get insurance prior to the flood event. Losses due to flooding can be insured through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The contents of buildings, including rental units, are also insurable. Maintain a room-by-room inventory of the insured contents, including receipts and proof of purchase.

Keep a portable radio with extra batteries, emergency cooking equipment, jugs of potable water, and flashlights accessible and in serviceable condition.

Most importantly, you must make plans to leave, where you will go and what you will take. For guidance visit the Red Cross at www.redcross.org and click on "Plan & Prepare" at the bottom of the webpage.

Immediately Before the Flood -- Prepare!

Consider your family's safety before you worry about possessions. If, and ONLY if time permits, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve prior to vacating. **Do not touch any electrical equipment while standing in water.** Move valuable papers, furs, jewelry, clothing, and other contents to higher elevations. Fill sanitized jugs with clean water for emergency use. Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters or tape to prevent flying glass.

When the Flood Comes -- Evacuate!

Since floodwaters can rise rapidly, be prepared to evacuate before the water level reaches your property. Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to KFBK 1530 AM, and follow all emergency instructions. Take warm clothing, a flashlight, a portable radio, and good sturdy shoes with you. If you are caught in floodwater, wait for help in a safe place - **don't try to swim to safety.** Rescue teams will be looking for you. Try to avoid flooded areas and don't attempt to walk through floodwaters that are more than knee deep. If it is safe to evacuate by car, stock the car with nonperishable foods (canned and dehydrated foods), a plastic container of water, blankets, rain suits, first aid kit, flashlights, dry clothing, and any special medication. Keep the gas tank at least half full since gasoline pumps will not be working if the electricity has been cut off. Do not drive where water is over the road - parts of the road may already be washed out.

After the Flood -- Clean up!

Before entering a building, check for structural damage. If you smell gas, turn off the outside gas lines at the meter or tank, and let the building air out for an hour. **Do not use an open flame as a source of light since gas may still be trapped inside.** Do not use electricity until the system has been checked by the electric utility company or a qualified electrician.

If your home, apartment, or business has suffered flood damage, immediately report it to your flood insurance policy agent. Be sure to take pictures of the damage done to your building and its contents **before you start to clean up.**

Boil water for drinking and food preparation for at least ten minutes prior to use, or mix 1/2 teaspoon liquid laundry bleach with 2-1/2 gallons of water and let stand for thirty minutes.

Throw out fresh and previously opened foods and medicines that have come in contact with floodwaters.

Remove mildew with a solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of trisodium phosphate (TSP.), 1 cup chlorine bleach and 1 gallon water.