

This Month:

Flood Safety Awareness Week

Get prepared during Georgia's Flood Safety Preparedness Week which runs March 12 through March 18. Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Flooding is a nationwide threat.

Conditions that cause floods include heavy or steady rain for several hours or days that saturate the ground. However, flash floods occur suddenly due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area. Remember, flooding can occur at any time of the year. Prepare yourself, your family, and your home. Be aware of potential flooding in your area, and Turn Around Don't Drown!



"We cannot stop natural disasters but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: so many lives wouldn't have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness."

~ Petra Nemcova

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Flood Safety Information

- **Preparedness and Awareness** – Nearly every day, flooding happens somewhere in the United States. It causes more damage in the United States than any other weather related event. On average, floods cause eight billion dollars in damages and ninety five fatalities annually nationwide. Being prepared and knowing how to stay safe will help you and your loved ones survive a flood.
- **Turn Around Don't Drown** –or TADD for short, is a NOAA National Weather Service campaign used to educate people about the hazards of driving a vehicle or walking through flood waters. It is never safe to drive or walk through flood waters. Any time you come to a flooded road, walkway, or path, follow this simple rule: Turn Around Don't Drown. For more information visit <http://tadd.weather.gov>
- **Flood Hazards** – There are many different types of floods. Learn More! Visit www.floodsafety.noaa.gov

Monthly Preparedness Challenge

Prepare your finances for a flood's possible devastation. Yes, your finances. Cleaning up a water damaged home can set you back thousands of dollars. It simply makes sense to be prepared by having an insurance policy in place. To determine the financial impact it could have on your family, check out [The Cost of Flooding](#) tool at FloodSmart.gov.



Turn Around Don't Drown

Upcoming Dates

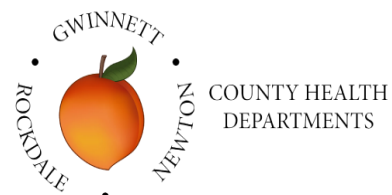
March 12-18 : Flood Safety Awareness Week

March 12 : Daylight Savings Time begins

Safety Facts

2 Flood Facts

- 6 inches of moving water can knock a person down.
- 2 feet of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.



COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS