Winter Flooding Tips

As a result of the recent wildfires throughout southern California, there are now many areas at risk to flooding from rain. If you live in a flood prone area, FEMA offers the following tips to prepare for winter flooding:

**Before the Storm**
- Have a safety kit with drinking water, a first aid kit, canned food, radio, flashlight, and blankets ready to go.
- Know safe routes from home, work, and school on high ground.
- Protect your property. Make sure that your flood insurance policy is up to date.

**During the Storm**
- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not try to walk across running water more than six inches deep.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. If your car stalls, abandon it immediately—if you can—and seek higher ground.

**After the Storm**
- Do not turn electricity back on in your home if you smell gas or if the electrical system has been flooded.
- Clean and disinfect everything that was touched by floodwaters or mudflows and throw out any such foodstuffs.
- Follow directions from local officials regarding the safety of drinking water.