Prepare Your Property Before A Flood

Purchase Federal Flood Insurance to protect your home and your business. Get coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Inventory the contents of your home to prove your losses to your insurer. Provide photographs or video to document major household items and valuables.

Floodproof your home.  
• Elevate electrical and HVAC components above base flood elevation.  
• Clear debris from gutters and downspouts.  
• Store chemicals and fertilizers above the level of base flood elevation.

Be ready for re-entry on Ocracoke Island. Apply for re-entry permit to return to the island before it is reopened to the public.

For more details, get the Hyde County Flood Planning and Resilience Guide.

Hyde County Emergency Services  
252-542-0806

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Pack Your Emergency Supply Kit

*Stock your emergency kit with basic supplies*

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Nonperishable food for at least three days per person
- Can opener
- Emergency light source
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Important documents
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Cash or traveler’s checks

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Stay safe around floodwaters.
- Avoid playing or swimming in floodwaters. They may pose a health hazard.
- Turn around, don’t drown. Six inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult.

Check for structural damage before reentering your home.
- Contact professionals to repair water, gas, electric and sewer lines.
- Throw away food that has come into contact with floodwaters.

Contact your insurance agent to report your loss.
- Separate damaged and undamaged property.
- Make a list of damaged property.
- Inventory the structural damage.

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