

## Storms & Floods

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## **Before: Preparedness**

- Put together a department or workplace emergency kit with separate supplies.
  - First aid items; flashlights; high-visibility vests; work gloves; external power devices (batteries and phone battery packs);
- Create and practice a plan with your department.
  - If harsh weather prevents you from getting to campus, who will be notified? How will your team determine whether to come to campus as scheduled or stay home?

## **During: Safety Actions**

- Be aware of types of notices from authorities including the National Weather Service
  - **Watch:** an alert that lets the public know a weather event is coming, but without certainty of when or the severity of the event.
  - **Advisory:** an incoming or likely weather event may cause significant inconvenience could lead to damage to property and threats to human life if no caution is taken.
  - Warning: an imminent weather event will cause danger to life and property
- **Stay indoors** with windows and doors closed. Avoid walking or driving through flooded areas, as six inches of moving water can knock you down and one foot can move vehicles.
- Charge devices and batteries before the event, and turn off unused electrical appliances during it. Move to higher floors if needed, use stairs, and be aware of exits.

## **After: Recovery**

- **Be patient and flexible:** Wait for FD&O and EH&S to inspect and declare buildings safe before returning to work or class. This may cause delays.
- **Do not touch or move damaged materials or equipment** until cleared by FD&O or EH&S to avoid biohazards and electrocution. Only designated authorities should handle cleanup for proper risk management and insurance purposes.

Current weather advisories at go.sjsu.edu/weather



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