

EPI SEINE

WILL YOU BE READY FOR THE NEXT FLOOD?

ADVICE TO FOLLOW

SIMPLE MEASURES THAT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



When will the next flood occur?

Nobody knows. What we do know, however, is that a few simple things you can do before, during or after the flood can sometimes be enough to minimise the consequences for you, your loved ones and your property. That's the purpose of this short guide published by EPTB Seine Grands Lacs, creator of EPISEINE, a comprehensive information, awareness and recommendations system designed to help people in the Paris region protect themselves against the risk of flooding.

Want to find out more?

Visit the episeine.fr collaborative platform to find out all the practical information, online learning modules and sign up for training courses.

BEFORE THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Even if your feet aren't in the water, you could still suffer the consequences of flooding. You may no longer have electricity, heating, drinking water, sewerage, etc. As a result, you may not be able to stay in your home, or your living conditions may deteriorate considerably. This will continue for several days, or even several weeks if the flooding is severe.

ADVICE

- Is my neighbourhood in a flood zone? To find out, I contact my municipality or check https://cartoviz.institutparisregion.fr.
- If I live in a flood zone, I may have to leave my home. I should plan well in advance to find alternative accommodation for several days or even several weeks (family, friends, etc.).
- As soon as a flood is announced, I find out how it will affect my area: from my local authority or via www.vigicrues.gouv.fr.

HOW CAN I HELP THOSE AROUND ME?



- I talk about flooding to those around me (family, friends, neighbours, etc.).
- If possible, I relay this information on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

DURING THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Floods in the Seine basin are slow: several days can pass between the time they are announced and the time they affect you. So it's essential to keep yourself informed, so that you have time to prepare before the water arrives.

ADVICE

- If there's a flood warning, I stay informed via the official media (prefecture, town hall, fire brigade, etc.).
- I always follow official safety guidelines. My safety and that of my family is at stake.
- Under no circumstances should I walk or drive on a road that is already flooded. There is a serious risk of being swept away or falling into a trap hidden under the water.
- I prepare my emergency kit in case of evacuation: identity papers, insurance certificates, water, first aid kit, non-perishable food items, warm clothing, etc.
- I move sensitive, valuable (souvenirs, official documents), useful or polluting objects/materials (paint cans, fertilisers, solvents, dustbins, etc.) to a higher floor.
- When the flood comes, I turn off the gas, heating and electricity. If I live in an apartment building, I contact my caretaker or the representatives of the building owners' association to make sure that the power has been turned off.
- When I evacuate my home, I contact relatives (family, friends, etc.) who may be able to put me up for several days, or even several weeks.

HOW CAN I HELP THOSE AROUND ME?



- I ask my neighbours for help or I help them myself. I remain as independent as possible, as the authorities may not be able to help everyone.
- I remain attentive and help the most vulnerable people in my family or in my neighbourhood (the elderly, people in hospital at home, people with disabilities, isolated people or foreign tourists).

AFTER

THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Floods in the Seine basin drain away slowly. Several weeks, or even months, may pass between the peak of the flood and a return to normal.

ADVICE

- I stay informed of developments in the situation and follow the instructions given locally (town hall, prefecture, network operators, etc.). Although the water level has begun to fall, the situation remains potentially dangerous.
- If I have left my home during the flood, I will not re-enter it without permission. I do not reconnect networks without authorisation. If in doubt, I seek professional assistance.
- I compile a photographic report for the insurance company before cleaning my home.
- I take careful precautions before handling waste produced by flooding. It may be toxic and dangerous.
- I contact the town hall to find out how to declare a natural disaster and I contact my insurer immediately.
- Once the necessary steps have been taken with my insurance company, I ventilate, disinfect and try to dry out any rooms in my home that have been flooded as quickly as possible.

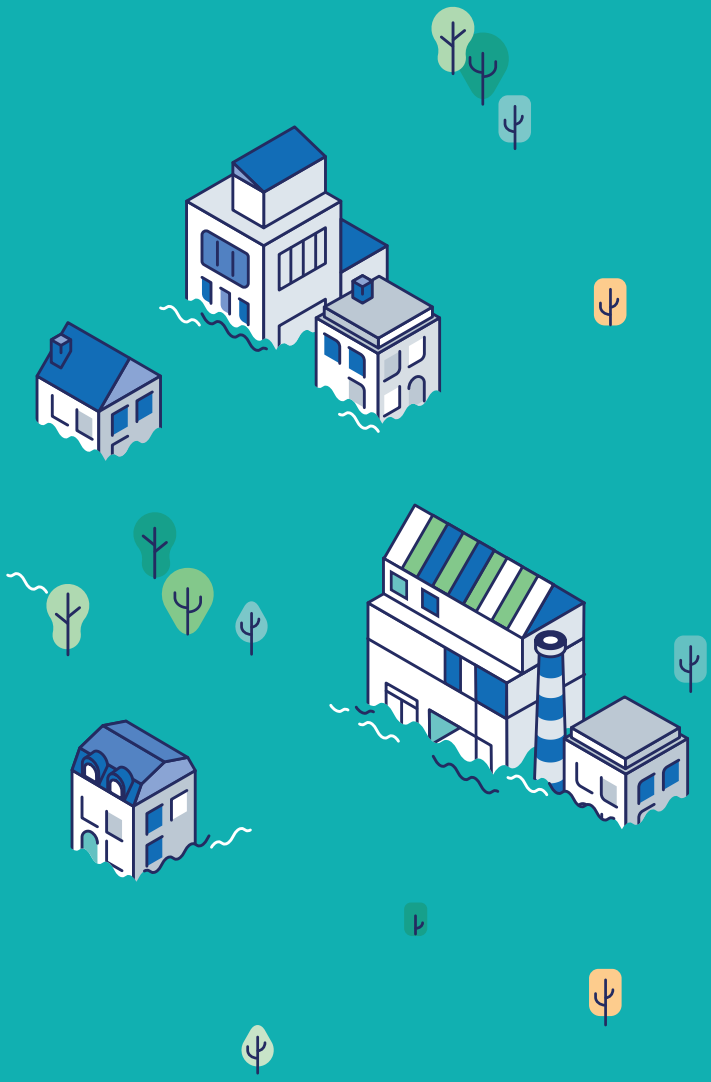
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- I visit my neighbours and look around my area to see if I can help, without taking the place of professionals (electricians, plumbers, etc.).
- I check with the town hall, local associations or social networks to find out if any relief operations are being organised.

YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHEN THE NEXT FLOOD WILL OCCUR...

BUT NOW YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN IT DOES!



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FLOOD RISK FOLLOW THE YELLOW BUOY!

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