

Flood Action Campaign 2018

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Do you rent your home? Do you know if it's at flood risk?

5.2 million properties in England are at risk of flooding. If you rent your home, you probably haven't even thought about flooding. But it can be devastating and there's a very real chance it could affect you. The worrying fact is that only half of the people who live in flood risk areas actually know about it, so it's really important to check your home postcode online to find out if you're at risk.

If you were flooded, what might get trashed? Have you ever thought about it? Anything electrical could be ruined – your laptop, TV, games consoles – not to mention other important items such as photographs, your furniture, clothes, books and keepsakes. Flood water doesn't care what it damages. And even if you live in a flat, flooding can still affect you – if flooding affects your building, what would you do without water, electricity, gas or internet access?

The average cost of flood damage to a home is £30,000. Your landlord is responsible for the building, but not what's in it – so it's up to you to protect your belongings from flood damage.

There are some simple things you can do to prepare for flooding. Knowing what to do in a flood could help keep you and your family safe, and save you thousands of pounds in damages and disruption.

Start by taking three simple steps to help protect yourself, your home, and your family from the devastating effects flooding – visit [GOV.UK/floodsdestroy](https://www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy) to:

- check your postcode and find out if you are at risk of flooding
- sign-up for free flood warnings
- view and save the 3-point flood plan so you know how to 'Prepare, Act, Survive' in a flood

Caroline Douglass, from the Environment Agency said, "Flooding can cause serious disruption to people's lives. We can't prevent it, but we can help homeowners to be more flood resilient. Those who are aware of the risk and have done something about it are able to reduce damage to their homes and possessions considerably."

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