

Before a Flood

- Dealing with anything that occurs because of floods is everyone's problem.
- Keep track of upcoming weather during both days and nights to know when to take extra steps that can mitigate damage.
- If a storm is happening during late hours (usually after 11 p.m and before 6 a.m.), at least one housemate should either stay in the basement for the duration of the storm or set an alarm alongside the storm to help mitigate damage and awake any other housemates that could be of assistance.
- Keep any useful tools or materials for cleaning up or mitigating floods in the galley. This way, they can be easily accessed during a flood while still being able to help during the flood in a timely manner.
- Take photos both before and after the flood to assess any damage for insurance or restitution purposes, both individually and for the house at large.
- Do not store toilet paper and paper towels on the floor, even as storage in the laundry room. Place them on the lower levels of a cabinet or other platform that is both safe from rising waters and still low enough to be reached by all housemates.
- Unplug any electronics that have any connections on the ground level if there is an upcoming storm. If you are aware of an upcoming storm, make sure to document it before the house and do this ahead of time.
- Flush all toilets. Seriously.
- Clear as much out of the laundry room and Bearicorn bath as possible before the storm. These are the primary areas for flood damage.

- Ideally, everyone should clear out their own items. If an item cannot be identified with an owner, it should be placed in a general pile or bin that is above ground.
 - All trash should be emptied from both rooms and trash bins relocated until the storm is over
- Another area of concern is the pantry/refrigerator room. Remove anything at the ground level here as well before the outbreak of a flood.
- Make sure that everyone in the house who is available for doing any chores has an assigned task in dealing with the flood.
- Basement flood water is largely just rainwater (owing to the East Lansing rainwater storage system), but this may not hold true if the toilets are not secured prior to a flood.
- Anyone living in the basement bedrooms should place anything of value above ground level.
 - In preparation of an incoming storm, placing sandbags wrapped in plastic in front of your door should prevent water from coming into your room.

During a Flood

- Call maintenance ASAP (517) 230-7339
- Use the rubber mops to push back the spread of water
 - Any hard and wide plastic object can serve as a substitute
- Quickly complete any steps about preparing for the flood (especially clearing the floor)
- Alert any housemates, waking them up if necessary

After a Flood

- Quickly start cleaning up
- Make sure to rotate chores if someone is getting too loaded to tired
- Alert any housemates, waking them up if necessary
- Document any damages that have occurred
- Make sure to set up the anti-insect lantern and clear out any insects
- Use the shop-vac to suck up any significant standing water or debris
- Run multiple mop cycles over the floor with both water and disinfectant