

Are you monsoon ready?

Tips for before, during and after a storm

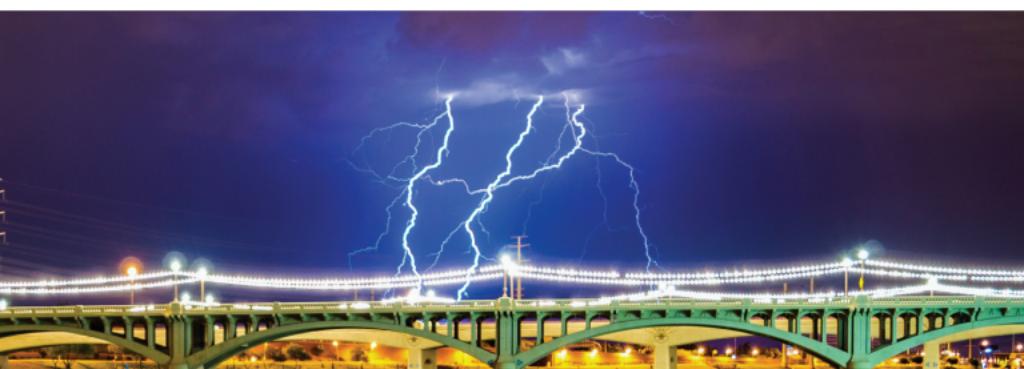


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BEFORE

- Trim trees so they are away from windows and roofs
- Inspect and clear your roof drainage system and flat roofs
- Clear debris from street gutters near your property to help prevent street flooding
- Unplug expensive electronics, install power protection devices
- Don't apply fertilizers or other outdoor chemicals before a storm
- Secure loose outdoor furniture
- Use sandbags to prevent flooding; info on free sandbags at tempe.gov/monsoons
- Have an evacuation plan



Prepare a 3-day family disaster supply kit including: 1 gallon of water per person/pet per day, nonperishable food, flashlights, radio, batteries, medications, first aid kit and a back-up power source for cell phone chargers and medical equipment

DURING

- Bring pets indoors because they are likely to panic or run away to escape the storm
- Avoid downed power lines, call 911 to report them
- If a power line comes into contact with your vehicle, remain inside the vehicle until help arrives, do not attempt to get out
- Follow traffic control signage and barricades; if a traffic signal is out, treat the intersection as a 4-way stop
- Avoid flooded areas and low-water crossings

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RESOURCES

AFTER

Fallen trees/debris blocking major roadways/intersections/alleyways or posing a safety concern: contact non-emergency police

Fallen trees/debris **NOT** blocking major roadways/intersections/alleyways or posing a safety concern: contact Tempe 311

Fallen trees/debris on private property/alleyways: place material for bulk/green collection by following city guidelines at: tempe.gov/smart or contact a third-party landscape service for removal/clean-up



Don't play or swim in flooded areas; water may be contaminated with chemicals and bacteria

Wash hands and disinfect any items that come in contact with flood waters



Life-threatening emergencies: 911

Non-emergency police: 480-350-8311

Tempe 311: 480-350-4311 or tempe.gov/311

Monsoon info: tempe.gov/monsoons

Street closures and bus detours: tempe.gov/StreetClosures

Stormwater pollution prevention tips: tempe.gov/stormwater

Tempe landscape referral: tempe.gov/code

Tree trimming and care guidelines: treesaregood.com

SRP storm info: www.srpnet.com/safety/storm

CDC flood water safety:
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/cleanupwater.asp>

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