

Flood Action Campaign 2018: help us protect people from flooding

The Environment Agency runs an annual campaign to encourage people to know what to do to protect themselves and their property in a flood. This year, the campaign is aimed at young people aged 18 to 34, particularly renters and young families, and we need trusted voices like you to support us on social media to help make the campaign a success.

We'll run the campaign for a week this winter when rain or flooding is on the news agenda because this is when people are most likely to take notice of the information and take flooding seriously. Because it's weather-dependent, we don't know much in advance when this week will be, but it will be deployed during any suitable wet week from 1 October to 31 March.

Want to help? Here's how:

1. Take part in #JustOneThing

- Ask a key figure from your organisation to record a video or take a photograph to share on your social media channels, telling us #JustOneThing you would save in a flood and why. It can be anything personal to you - perhaps a childhood toy, your child's first drawing, designer shoes, your wedding outfit? It's up to you.
- Add text to ask your friends/followers what they would save in a flood and encourage them to post their own pictures on Instagram.
- Use the hashtags #JustOneThing and #PrepareActSurvive and make sure to link through to
 the what to do in a flood page on GOV.UK this is a key part of helping people to know what to
 do in a flood and keeping them safe.
- You can record your video or take your photo anytime, just hang on to it so you're ready when
 the campaign goes live. It will run any time from mid-October 2018, so be ready to post it when
 we go live we'll be sure to let you know as soon as we do!

2. Support us on social media

- Follow @EnvAgency on our <u>national Twitter account</u> for messages to share. We will be
 posting a range of material every day. You can also follow your local Environment Agency
 regional accounts, which will be posting local messages.
- Like and share our pages and posts on Facebook: Environment Agency
- Follow and like our <u>Instagram</u> posts and stories. envagency
- Post your own flood awareness messages the campaign hashtag is #PrepareActSurvive.
 Here's some suggested wording:
 - Flooding can kill. Know what to do in a flood it could save your life.



- It's quick and easy to Prepare Act Survive. Let us show you how. What to do in a flood
- Do you know <u>what to do in a flood</u>? Get prepared now to save months of misery and thousands of pounds of damage.
- o 5.2 million homes are at risk of flooding. Are you? What to do in a flood.
- Join the millions of people who have already taken simple steps to Prepare Act Survive. What to do in a flood.
- You wouldn't leave your belongings out to be stolen, so why let them be taken by a flood? What to do in a flood.

3. Publish information on your website and newsletters

We've drafted some articles to explain the risks of flooding to our target audiences renters and young families. You can also download the campaign images and artwork. Visit https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/floods-destroy-be-prepared-campaign-material

4. Add our campaign banner to your email signature

You can download the email signature banner from the campaign website https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/floods-destroy-be-prepared-campaign-material

5. Put up posters in your local area

Download poster artwork to print off yourself from our campaign website https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/floods-destroy-be-prepared-campaign-material

Contact information:

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Thank you for your support!

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