

KIAWAH ISLAND FLOOD GUIDE

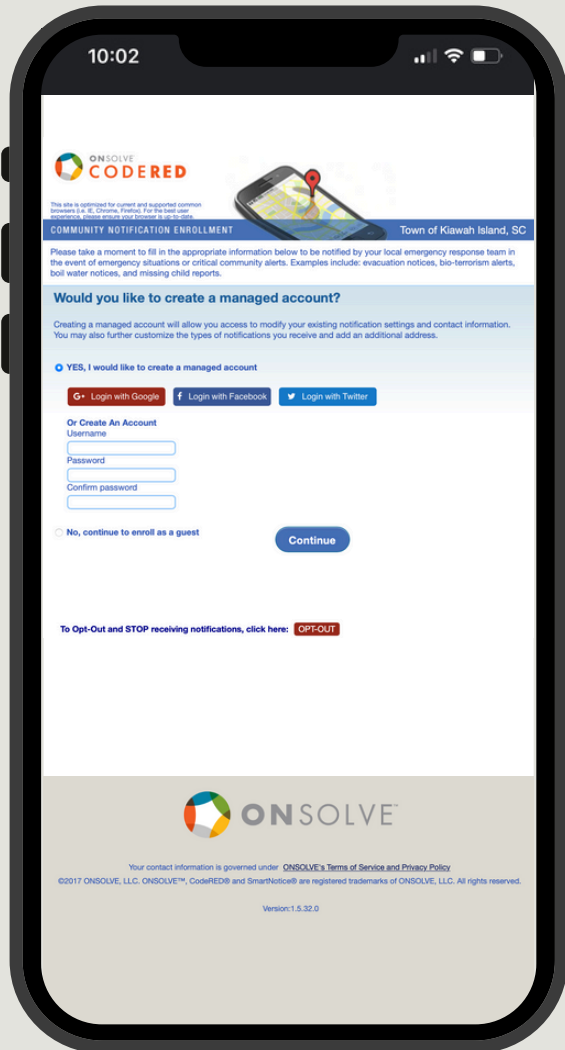


Flood Risks and Tips

Kiawah Island is susceptible to flooding caused by a number of naturally occurring events including hurricanes, wave washes, tidal surges, King Tides, and tidal waves. Heavy rains over a short period of time can overwhelm existing drainage capabilities and prove disastrous at high tide. Here are a few ways that FEMA recommends preparing yourself and your property before these events:

1. **Consider flood insurance** - Contact your insurance agent for an annual 'insurance check-up' to make sure you have the coverage you need. Visit www.floodsmart.gov/ to learn more. The Town of Kiawah Island participates in the Community Rating System, which allows property owners to receive flood insurance discounts. Call the Building Services Department at 843-768-9166 for more information.
2. **Know your property's flood risk** - You can look up the FEMA Flood Map here: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>.
3. **Take an inventory of your household belongings.** Take photos and videos of major items and valuables. This will be useful if you need to file insurance claims.
4. **Store important documents.** Copies of birth certificates, passports, medical records, and insurance papers should be kept in a watertight safety deposit box for safe keeping.
5. **Elevate and anchor your critical utilities.** This includes electrical panels, propane tanks, sockets, wiring, appliances, and heating systems.
6. **Clear debris from gutters.** This will prevent an accumulation of water on your roof.
7. **Have an emergency kit with three days of food and water supply for each member of your household, as well as any critical medicines, flashlights, and blankets.** If the power goes out, you want to have enough supplies in case travel is not possible.
8. **If local authorities recommend evacuating, gather your necessary items and leave as soon as you're able.** If you choose not to evacuate during an evacuation order, emergency assistance, utilities, and water may not be accessible to you for an extended period of time.

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To stay up-to-date with the latest severe weather, scan the QR code below to sign up for the Town's CodeRed emergency alert system. You can choose to receive these alerts via phone message, text message, or email. Remember to always stay tuned to your local weather stations before you venture out on the island and beyond.



Safety Tips During Flood Events



During a flooding event, it is best to avoid travel. Remember to:

- **Turn Around; Don't Drown! Never drive through waters of unknown depths.**
- **Go to the highest floor of your home if water rises to the bottom level**

Things to Consider After a Flood

- **Await local safety information before venturing out.**
- **Be mindful of debris or trees if there was severe weather.**
- **Take photos and videos of your damaged property and then begin filing your insurance claim if your property flooded. Begin this process as soon as possible, as it can take four-to-eight weeks before a standard claim is finalized and paid. Please keep in mind that FEMA assistance is only granted after a Presidential Declaration has been issued. If you are seeking assistance and or have questions, you can contact FEMA at 800-621-3362.**



