

Protecting your home against Floods

We know that wet weather and storm surges can lead to floods and these can cause damage to your home, so we've got some flood prevention tips to help you prepare.

Outside the home

Inside the home

to help.

flooding.

- Guttering and pipes are they free from blockages/leaves/debris?
- **Drains** are they draining well? Installing a non-return valve could stop the backflow of water and help prevent flood damage.
- **Doors and windows** would flood doors, storm shutters or impact resistant glass help?
- Gas, electric and water know how to switch them off.
- Valuables and important documents (like insurance!) keep them safe by locking them away, ideally in a watertight container.
- **Electrical appliances** unplug non-essentials and store them upstairs if possible.
- Electrical sockets consider raising low-level sockets, especially in high risk areas.



valves that shut in the event of a flood.
Emergency kit – it's a good idea to have some

Sandbags - the local council may be able

Gardens - clear away any

that could be damaged by

ornaments, furniture or plants

essentials ready - like canned food, water, a torch, batteries, first aid kit, blankets, waterproof clothing, insurance details & emergency numbers (council, GP, etc.) - and make sure mobile phones are fully charged.

• Airbricks – could smart bricks help? These have

• **Temporary power** – is it worth considering an alternative source of power, like a generator, for short term use?



• **Furniture** – if it can't be moved upstairs, protect with plastic or cling film, especially legs made of wood.

It's always a good idea to check what is and isn't covered by your Home insurance. Please speak to your Adviser about how our Home insurance and Home emergency cover can help protect your home.

You can find out more information and advice from the <u>National Flood Forum</u> and the <u>Environment Agency</u>.

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