When Floods Threaten

- Activate your call list
- Turn on your NOAA radio
- Think of people’s safety first
- Have an exit strategy
- Call suppliers to remove their products
- Move rolling stock to higher ground
- Move all outdoor mini-bulk and 55-gallon containers indoors or off-site
- Move small packaging to higher ground
- Make sure tank lids are secured
- Sweep and clean up contaminants within containment areas
- Place pumps indoors and within outdoor containment areas
- Start barricading openings around doors before lower ground floods
- Dike around grain bins
- Empty fuel tanks into fuel trucks
- Empty liquid fertilizer tanks and move product off-site
- Empty bulk pesticide containment tanks and move product off-site
- Empty dry fertilizer from bins and move product off-site
- Remove all pumps and meters
- Fill liquid fertilizer and bulk pesticide tanks with water so they won’t float away
- Retrieve important records (customer invoices, farm maps, etc.)
- Remove computer hard drives off-site
- Place computer equipment and files on top of desks or move them off-site
- Open all doors to avoid structural damage
- Turn off all electricity
- Remove as much electrical equipment as possible
- Fuel and turn on generators to activate pumps
- Account for everyone when evacuating the site
- Always think about people first

Plan Today for Tomorrow’s Flood
(Purdue Extension publication PPP-87) provides more information about planning for floods. It is available from the Purdue Extension Education Store: www.extension.purdue.edu/store

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