

8.6 Tsunami and Flooding

8.6.1 Tsunami

In the event of a tsunami:

The College is considered an evacuation assembly area. If you are on Main Campus and a tsunami occurs, this is considered a safe area to remain.

8.6.2 Flooding

- **County Flood Watch:** Conditions are favorable for flooding. Staff should be aware but no action needs to be taken.
- **County Flood Warning:** Rising water threatens to close roads, wash out bridges, and inundate property. Shelter or higher ground should be sought.

What to do before the Tsunami/Flood

- Have emergency supplies available. Keep a portable, battery-operated radio and flashlight in working order. Determine if you are in a flood-prone area and what the average flood depths are in the community.
- Identify dams and levees in your area. Be aware of what could happen if they fail.
- Learn the community's flood evacuation route and the location of high ground.

During or after heavy rains

- Listen to the radio or television for weather information and instruction.
- If water enters the facility, turn off all utilities in the area. Disconnect electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if the floor is wet or under water. Stay clear of water on the floor as well.
- Be aware of loose or downed electric wires and falling or fallen objects.
- Do not drive in the event of a flood, 6 inches of water is enough to float a car.

After a Tsunami/Flood

- Listen to the radio or television for advice and instructions.
- Report broken utility lines or other hazards to Campus Safety.
- Locate usable openings if swollen doors, mud, or buckled floors prevent regular doors from being used.
- Remember that water sources may be contaminated. Listen to the radio for advice on using tap water or other water for drinking.
- Avoid walking through floodwaters. Swift moving water as little as six inches deep can sweep you off your feet.