

## Manhattanville College- Reference Guide for Coping with a Flood

- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground.
- Walk where the water is not moving. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. Abandon the car and move to higher ground.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.

- A foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUVs and pick-up trucks.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them to the power company.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.

- Use extreme caution when entering buildings; there may be hidden damage, particularly in foundations.