

# FLOOD RESILIENCE CHECKLIST



Follow the checklist below to ensure you are as prepared as possible for a flood event

## Flood Warnings

If you are not registered to receive them, sign up online here: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. If you are, it's important that you check your details are up to date, especially if your contact numbers or email address has changed recently.

## Flood Insurance

If you live in a flood risk area, make sure you have flood insurance cover for your property. If your premium or excess is too expensive, Flood Re could help you to access affordable cover. Do not be tempted to pass on insurance cover. Learn more at: [www.floodre.co.uk](http://www.floodre.co.uk)

## Flood Plan

Create a flood plan! Households and businesses with flood plans suffer less damage and disruption, and recover far quicker following a flood. If you have a flood plan, now is a good time to review and update it. Practice putting your plan into action and develop a system for stacking and moving furniture.

## Flood Protection

If you haven't already done so, consider adopting some property flood resilience (PFR) protection for your home or business premises.

If you already have these in place, it is vital that it is checked and maintained regularly and in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and service intervals. Follow the checklist below to help keep them in good working order.

### Flood Doors

Ensure door seals are in good condition and the locking points are engaging smoothly. Refer to the maintenance instructions and book a service for your door, if required.

### Flood Barriers

Check the rubber seals for wear or signs of perishing, both on the boards and within the channels. Ensure you have replacement seals and spare fixings (grub screws and compression blocks etc.) as well as the necessary tools for installation, such as drivers and bits, allen keys, head torch etc. Practice installation regularly.

### SMART Airbricks

Remove the front cover to gain access to the parts inside for cleaning and replacement as per the manufacturers instructions. Ensure the front cover is also clean and clear of any debris before replacing.

### Sump & Pump Systems

Check the power source to the pump and inspect cables for cuts or bite marks from rodents. Ensure the pump is level and upright within the sump and fill the sump with water to check the float engages the pump correctly. Check that the discharge pipe and the inlet on the pump is clear of blockages and debris. Open the non-return valve on the discharge pipe and clean internal parts.

### Non-Return Valves (NRVs)

Open the unit to clean internal parts. Check any flap gates are working correctly as well as rubber seals for signs of perishing.

### Water Entry Points

Check around your property for domestic appliance vents, gaps in low level pointing within stone and brick work, as well as for any gaps around cable entry points and pipework.