

Are you monsoon ready?

Tips for before, during and after a storm



Photo by Matt Acosta

BEFORE

Trim trees so they are away from windows and roofs

Inspect and clear your roof drainage system and flat roofs

Clear debris from street gutters near your property to help prevent street flooding

Unplug expensive electronics, install power protection devices

Don't apply fertilizers or other outdoor chemicals before a storm

Secure loose outdoor furniture

Use sandbags to prevent flooding; info on free sandbags at tempe.gov/monsoons

Have an evacuation plan



Prepare a 3-day family disaster supply kit including: 1 gallon of water per person/pet per day, nonperishable food, flashlights, radio, batteries, medications, first aid kit and a back-up power source for cell phone chargers and medical equipment

DURING

Bring pets indoors because they are likely to panic or run away to escape the storm

Avoid downed power lines, call 911 to report them

If a power line comes into contact with your vehicle, remain inside the vehicle until help arrives, do not attempt to get out

Follow traffic control signage and barricades; if a traffic signal is out, treat the intersection as a 4-way stop

Avoid flooded areas and low-water crossings

480-350-4311
tempe.gov/monsoons



AFTER

Fallen trees/debris blocking major roadways/intersections/alleyways or posing a safety concern: contact non-emergency police

Fallen trees/debris **NOT** blocking major roadways/intersections/alleyways or posing a safety concern: contact Tempe 311

Fallen trees/debris on private property/alleyways: place material for bulk/green collection by following city guidelines at: tempe.gov/smart or contact a third-party landscape service for removal/clean-up



WATER SAFETY

Don't play or swim in flooded areas; water may be contaminated with chemicals and bacteria

Wash hands and disinfect any items that come in contact with flood waters



RESOURCES

Life-threatening emergencies: 911

Non-emergency police: 480-350-8311

Tempe 311: 480-350-4311 or tempe.gov/311

Monsoon info: tempe.gov/monsoons

Street closures and bus detours: tempe.gov/StreetClosures

Stormwater pollution prevention tips: tempe.gov/stormwater

Tempe landscape referral: tempe.gov/code

Tree trimming and care guidelines: treesaregood.com

SRP storm info: www.srpnet.com/safety/storm

CDC flood water safety:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/cleanupwater.asp>

480-350-4311
tempe.gov/monsoons

