

## Marcham Parish Council:

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# Flood Prevention Guide.

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## **Marcham and Frilford - Flood Damage Prevention Document**

This is a "Help Document" for those who might be affected by flooding in Marcham or Frilford.

### **Essential Contact Points**

All the agencies listed below offer practical help and advice. For anyone who cannot access the internet please contact Malcolm Denton (01865 391497) who will be pleased to print off any relevant information?

#### **Environment Agency**

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Flood line – 0845 988 1188

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood)

#### **National Flood Forum**

[www.floodforum.org.uk](http://www.floodforum.org.uk)

01299 403055

#### **Oxfordshire County Council**

01865 792422

"Floods Protect Yourself"

#### **Oxfordshire Warnings**

If there is a risk of flooding please tune in to any of the radio stations listed below for current status reports and early warnings

BBC Radio Oxford

Heart

2 Ten FM

FM 107.9

BBC Three Counties

Mix 96 FM

ITV Thames Valley

BBC South Today

ITV Teletext

BBC Ceefax Page 429 / Digital Ceefax Page 405

BBC Weather on line or The Met Office website

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## **Several Companies Offer Flood Protection Products**

### **Standard sand filled sacks**

Available from the district council – Need to be used in conjunction with plastic sheets.

Downside – Time consuming and not fully effective. Requires a stock of sand.

### **Aqua Sac**

This is a bag that needs no sand. It is immersed in water and a chemical inside expands forming a sack that can be placed to prevent water ingress. (A quantity is held by Marcham Parish Council for village use)

Downside – Need water supply to inflate bags and need to use in conjunction with plastic sheets. Very much an emergency measure and like sand bags of limited effectiveness

### **Flood Guards**

Many types of Flood Guard are available and these vary in specification and price.

Primarily each manufacturer provides a measuring and installation service for flood gates and air brick covers that can be installed at the first sign of potential flooding.

This is the most effective system and is a permanent solution. Needs fitting prior to flood

Downside cost

### **Drain Protection**

To prevent water or sewage entering the house through drains then it is possible to have non return valves fitted (backflow valves)

This list is just a guide and further companies and information is available on the Internet

Marcham Parish Council holds a quantity of brochures and product information and they are available from Malcolm Denton (01865 391497)

### **Marcham Parish Council actions**

- We have written to County Council to request all storm drains and road drains are cleaned on a regular basis
- We have set up a group of volunteers that can be called upon to help vulnerable households to move furniture and goods to a safe position
- We have purchased/ a quantity of aqua sacks to be held in a central location in the village
- We have purchase a quantity of high visibility coats for flood wardens to wear
- We have “Road Closed / Diversion” signs to reduce Bow Waves
- The Environmental Agency have investigated the water courses that affect Frilford and Marcham;

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## Simple Ways to protect your home from flooding

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### Gas, Electricity and Water

- Put plugs in sinks and weigh them down with something heavy
- Turn off gas, electric and water supplies at the mains. Make sure you know where these are located
- Unplug all electric items and store as high as possible

### Reduce flood water getting into your home:

- Silicone sealant – Open doors and windows and apply a bead of silicone around the frames.
- Cover doors ,windows and air bricks with plywood, sandbags or metal sheeting

### Furniture and Appliances

- Move as much furniture and electrical items to as high a point as possible
- Raise them up and stand them on **decorating trestles**
- Move furniture away from walls
- Roll up carpets and rugs and store them up high
- Hang curtains over rail
- Leave internal doors open or remove them if possible

### Personal Items

- These items cannot be replaced so make sure they are kept upstairs or in a high cupboard.
- Keep important documents in a sealed bag and again store in a safe place

### Outside the House

- Move any items that are not fixed to a safe location. Store on **decorating trestles**
- Move car to high ground
- Weigh down man hole covers so they cannot lift creating an under water hazard

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### Don't wait for the next flood – Prepare a plan now and put it into practice and share it with the family

Flooding happens quickly and it is essential you know where children or pets are located in adverse weather conditions

Make a list of contact numbers

Don't be frightened to ask for help from neighbours or the community who are there to help

Prepare a container with important documents, Wind Up Torches; Tools Wind up Radio, mobile phone, protective gloves. Water-proofs, Wellingtons. Include a First Aid Kit, Blankets and Flasks

Always keep an Emergency supply of food and if required medicine or baby food

Pre prepare guards for doors and air bricks and locate them in an easy to find location.

Fit any guards you have purchased in good time and check they fit on a regular basis

Put some emergency battery lights close to gas, electric and water turn off points. Locate some emergency lights on the stairs. (Small LED lights are available and they simply stick onto the wall or ceiling)

Plan where you would park your car

If the flooding is severe you may be evacuated and what would you need to take with you?

If we are alerted that there is imminent danger of Marcham flooding we will attempt to contact all vulnerable households, however it must be the householder's responsibility to monitor their local situation and notify either of the following members of the Flood Group who will alert members to offer help and support wherever needed.

Malcolm Denton 391497

Will Cumber 391327

David Walton 391239

Colin Bough 391488

Linda Martin – Parish Clerk 391833

Danger of life - Police / Fire / Ambulance Phone 999

Non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505

**Please register your own property to receive communication direct from the Environmental Agency by telephone on 0845 988 1188 or by using the website**

**[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodline](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodline)**