



FLOODING: STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE

Step One: Is your club at risk of flooding?

If you are in England and Wales you can find out the risk of your ground being flooded by water from rivers or the sea using the flood maps on the Environment Agency website;

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/default.aspx>

The Environment Agency website also provides useful information to help you prepare if you are at risk of flooding.

There are other sources of flooding such as stormwater drains that aren't assessed in this way. This is when local knowledge is invaluable – speak to your local council and some of the older members of your clubs – they will have a historical perspective of flooding on your ground.

Step Two: Can your club get warnings from the Environment Agency?

If your property is on the Environment Agency's Flood Map you might be able to sign up for their 'Flood Warnings Direct' service which will send you a warning, for more information;

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/38289.aspx>

This will alert a club representative if a flood alert or flood warning is in place. Make sure that this person is a current and active member of the club and able to react to the warning if necessary.

Step Three: Develop a flood plan

Producing a club flood plan can help limit damage to the club and save the club money in the long term. The plan should be reviewed annually. Use our handy template to help you develop a club plan (Flood Plan Template can be found on the [Flooding](#) page at www.ecb.co.uk/places – Sustainable Clubs > Water > Flooding)

All key personnel should have a copy of the plan so they know what to do and when. It is also a good idea to post a copy on your notice board and website so that the whole club can be aware that a flood plan is in place.

Step Four: Get advice on reducing flood damage

There are things that you can do as a club to help prevent flood water damaging your property;

- Maintain ditches, culverts and look at re-landscaping to help avoid winter flooding.
- Use flood boards, polythene and sandbags to reduce the amount of water entering a building.

Larger-scale projects include constructing flood walls and modifying river banks, in these circumstances you should always seek professional advice from a specialist. You should also contact the Environment



Agency to ensure that your flood protection does not adversely affect neighbours or others downstream, for more information;

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31644.aspx>