

FLASH FLOODING



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FEMA Definition¹:

“Flash flooding occurs when too much rain falls too fast and too long for the ground to absorb all that water. Flash flooding is the rapid flooding of low-lying areas. Flash floods often have a dangerous wall of roaring water that carries rocks, mud, and other debris that can sweep away most things in its path.”

- Mainly caused by slow-moving/stalled thunderstorms, repeated storms over an area, or heavy rains from hurricanes/tropical storms.
- Roads/parking lots can't absorb water, draining into saturated ditches/bayous.
- Uncleared storm debris hampers water flow in bayous/drainage ditches.
- Flash floods can sweep away cars, tear out trees, destroy buildings/bridges.
- 6 inches of moving water can knock a person down, 2 feet can sweep a vehicle away.