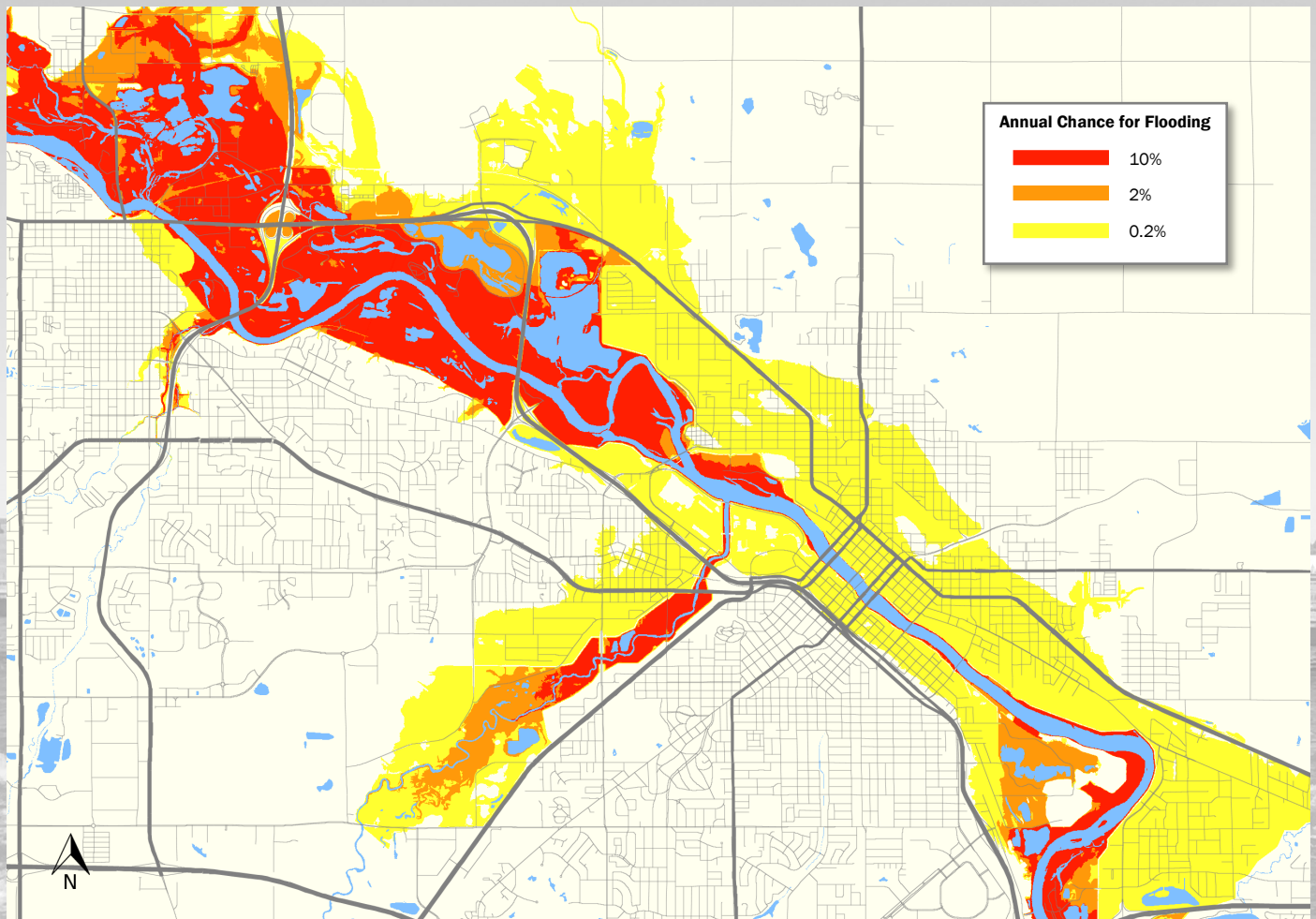


Black Hawk County Flood Evacuation Guide



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Find out if you live in an area that is prone to river flooding. Flood Inundation Maps are available at ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis.

Evacuation. Local officials will announce the exact areas in Black Hawk County where people need to evacuate. If emergency officials order an evacuation for your area, **leave immediately**.

Flooded areas. Stay away from flood waters and affected areas until county officials declare the area safe to reenter.

NEVER WALK OR DRIVE THROUGH A FLOODED AREA OR ROADWAY!

DID YOU KNOW...

- An average of 75 people are killed each year in the U.S. from flash floods
- It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car
- Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet



IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

EVACUATION INFORMATION

Sign up for Emergency Notifications through **Alert Iowa**.

entry.inspironlogistics.com/blackhawk_ia/wens.cfm

In the event of an emergency or severe weather, an alert will be sent to your email address or cell phone.

For traffic information, visit www.511ia.org or call **511**.

For shelter information, visit www.211.org or call **211**.



EVACUATION ROUTES

You can use several routes to evacuate from flooded areas. Evacuees should become familiar with all of the designated evacuation routes and plan to leave early to avoid traffic delays.

The map on the next page shows the designated evacuation routes in Black Hawk County.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

If emergency officials order an evacuation of your area, you must leave immediately. Decide now where you will go, what you will need to take with you, and what route you will take.

Leave early. An evacuation will increase traffic on evacuation routes, and your trip may take longer than usual. Be prepared for delays. The sooner you leave, the sooner you will get to your destination and out of harm's way.

Consider local options. If you have nearby family or friends who live outside of the flood area, ask if you could stay with them. Hotels or motels outside of the flood area may be an option, but consider that rooms may fill up fast. Public shelters may also be an option.

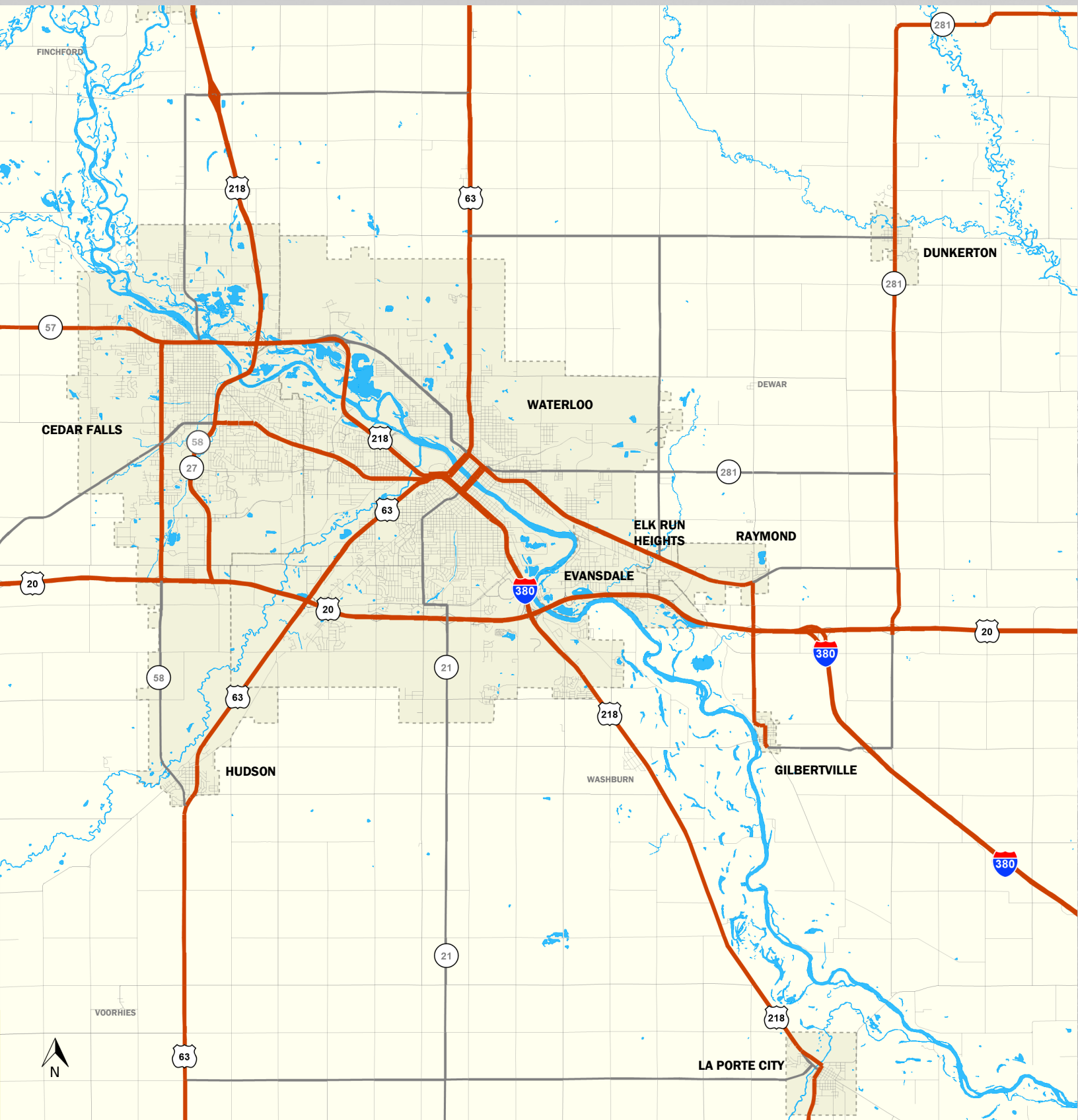
Prepare your home. Turn off electrical appliances and unplug what you can. Shut off water and gas.

Take your emergency supply kit. Public shelters provide basic necessities such as food, water, and a small amount of space for your family to stay. Relief organizations may provide some of these items, but you should be prepared to provide these supplies for your family until help arrives.

Plan now for your pets or service animal. Some emergency shelters, hotels, and motels will only accept service animals. Talk to your veterinarian, or contact the Cedar Bend Humane Society in advance, to learn more about emergency planning for your pets, or plan to stay with family or friends. Have copies of your pets' vaccination records available.

Get up-to-date information. Emergency officials will provide information about open shelters through local media. Shelters can fill quickly. Shelter information will be available by calling 211. Traffic information will be available by calling 511.

EVACUATION ROUTES



LEAVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. PLAN YOUR ROUTE AHEAD OF TIME.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT LIST

Plan to go through your supply kit **every six months** to make sure items are not outdated. Have enough supplies to last at least three days, but keep in mind that you may not be able to return home for more than a week. It is a good idea to have supplies in an easy-to-carry bag, such as a backpack or gym bag.

ESSENTIALS

- Food that will not spoil (canned foods, packaged foods)
- Water, one gallon per person per day. Have extra water for those with medical needs, children, and nursing mothers.
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Written family emergency plan and emergency contact information

ONCE YOU HAVE THE ESSENTIALS, ADD:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Whistle
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Change of clothing, sturdy shoes
- Blanket or sleeping bag, pillows, sheets
- Plates, cups, utensils, manual can opener
- Medications (at least one week's worth)
- Local maps
- Cash in small denominations
- Paperwork outlining current medications, dosages, and instructions
- Copies of important documents (driver's licenses, birth certificates, insurance policies, etc.)
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children
- Baby formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, medications, etc.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PET OR SERVICE ANIMAL:

- Pet carrier
- Water, food, bowls
- Current photos of your pets
- Vaccination records
- Leash, muzzle, harness
- Medications
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Black Hawk County
Emergency Management**
www.bhciaema.com
(319) 291-4373

Ready Iowa
www.beready.iowa.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org
1-800-733-2767

Traffic Information
www.511ia.org
Dial 511

Cedar Bend Humane Society
www.cedarbendhumane.org
(319) 235-5335

Iowa Homeland Security
www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov
(515) 725-3231

**Federal Emergency
Management Agency**
www.fema.gov

**FEMA National Flood
Insurance Program**
www.floodsmart.gov
1-800-638-6620

2-1-1
www.211.org
Dial 211

YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Out-of-town friend or relative who family members can call after a disaster

Emergency contact

Phone

Other Emergency Contacts (e.g. sheriff, police, fire, school, work)

Emergency contact

Phone

Emergency contact

Phone

Emergency contact

Phone

Family Meeting Spots

Close to home

Outside of our neighborhood

Pet Planning (e.g. vet, kennel, friend)

Contact

Phone

Contact

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