

HOW TO SURVIVE A

FLOOD



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FLOODS



A flood is an **overflow** of water that covers dry land. Many things can cause a flood, like heavy rainfall or a damaged **levee**. Even melted ice from a mountain can cause flooding!







The 1931 Yellow River floods in the Republic of China are one of the deadliest **natural disasters** ever recorded. Millions of people are thought to have died, and millions more lost their homes.

PREPARE



Houses, cars, and bridges are easily destroyed during a flood. It is possible for you to be **stranded** in one place for many days.



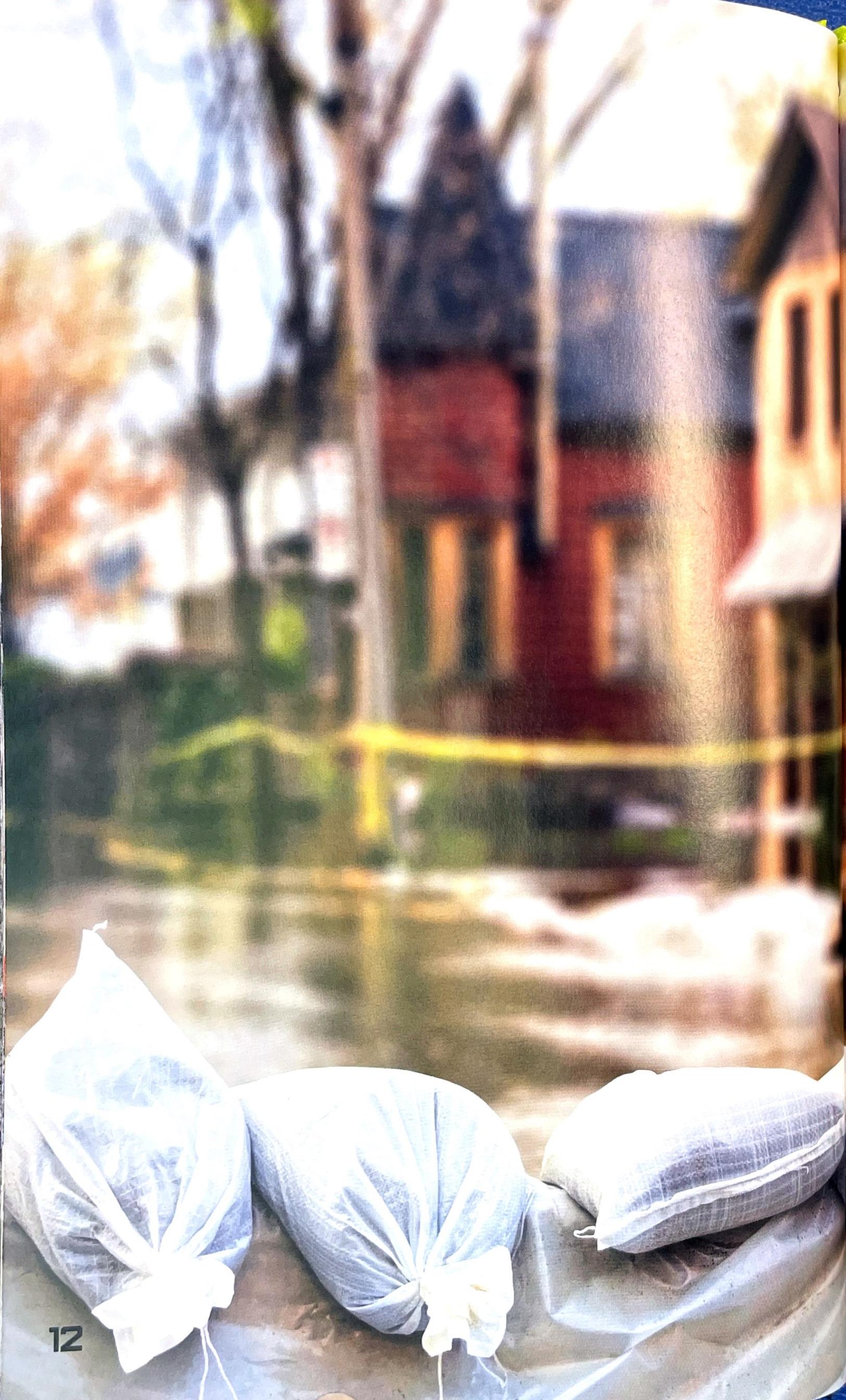
It is important to be prepared!
You should have a battery-
powered radio, extra batteries,
and rain gear packed.
Medication, bottled water, and
nonperishable foods can also
help you survive.



EMERGENCY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Section 1: Emergency Survival Items:

- Water Containers
- First Aid Kit
- Torch
- Battery Operated Radio
- Batteries
- Tinned Food
- Can Opener
- Dust Mask



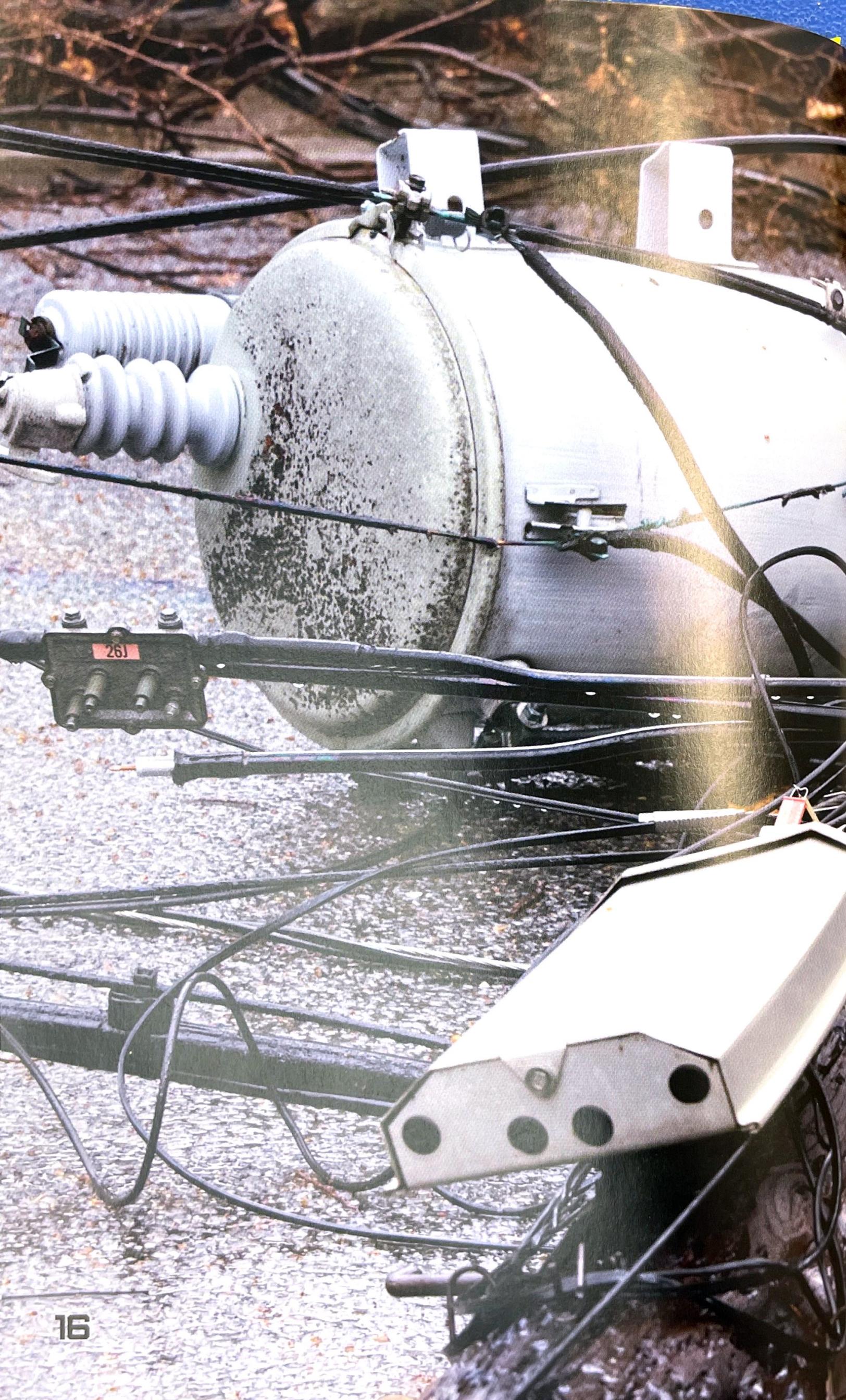
Barriers, like sand bags, can help stop floodwater from entering your home.



SURVIVE

If water rises in your area before you can **evacuate**, move to safety. Safe places during a flood include the top floor, attic, or roof of your home.



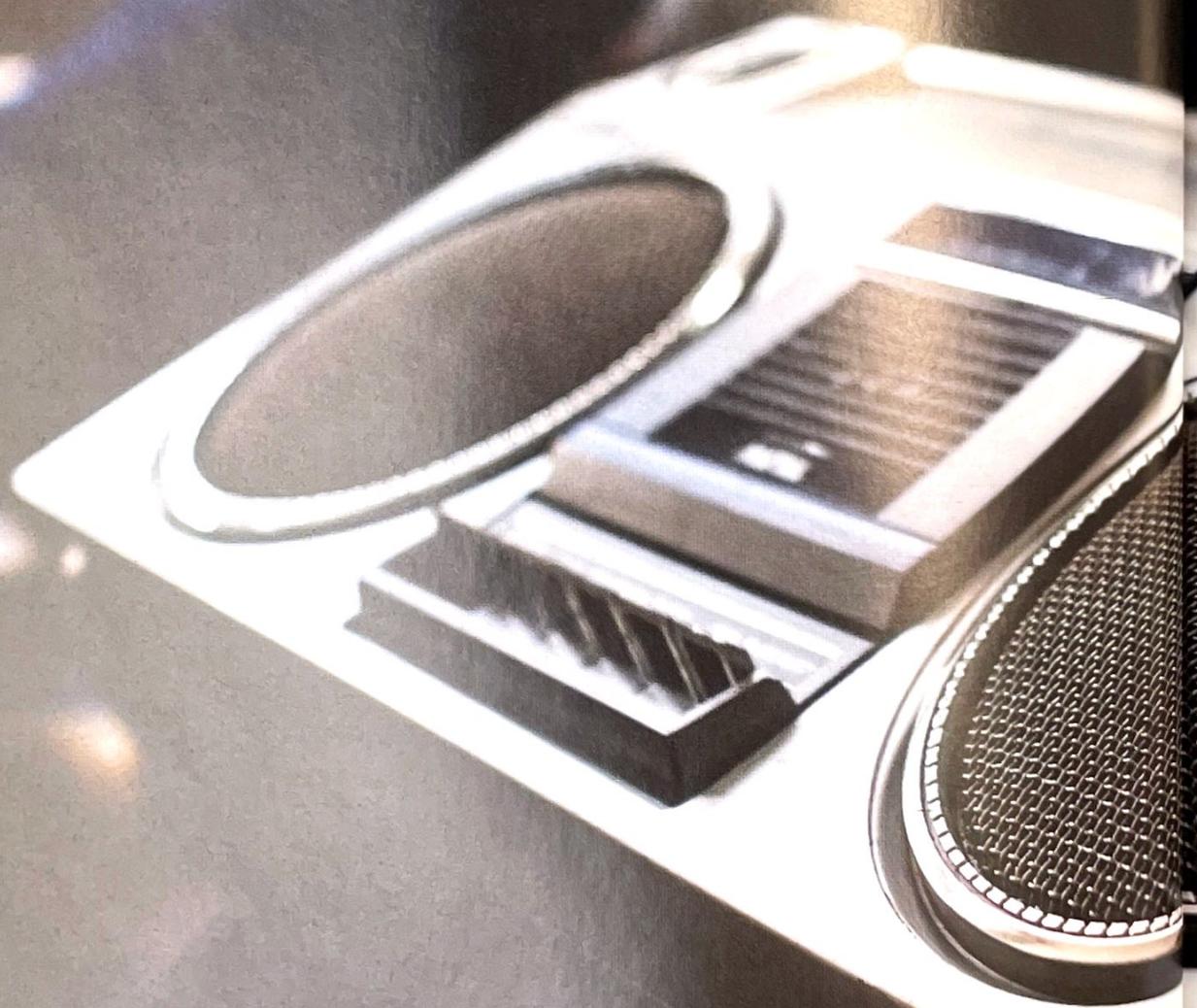


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If it is possible, turn off the main power switch and close the main gas **valve** in your home. Keep away from downed power lines and any other electrical wires. **Electrocution** is a serious danger in floods.

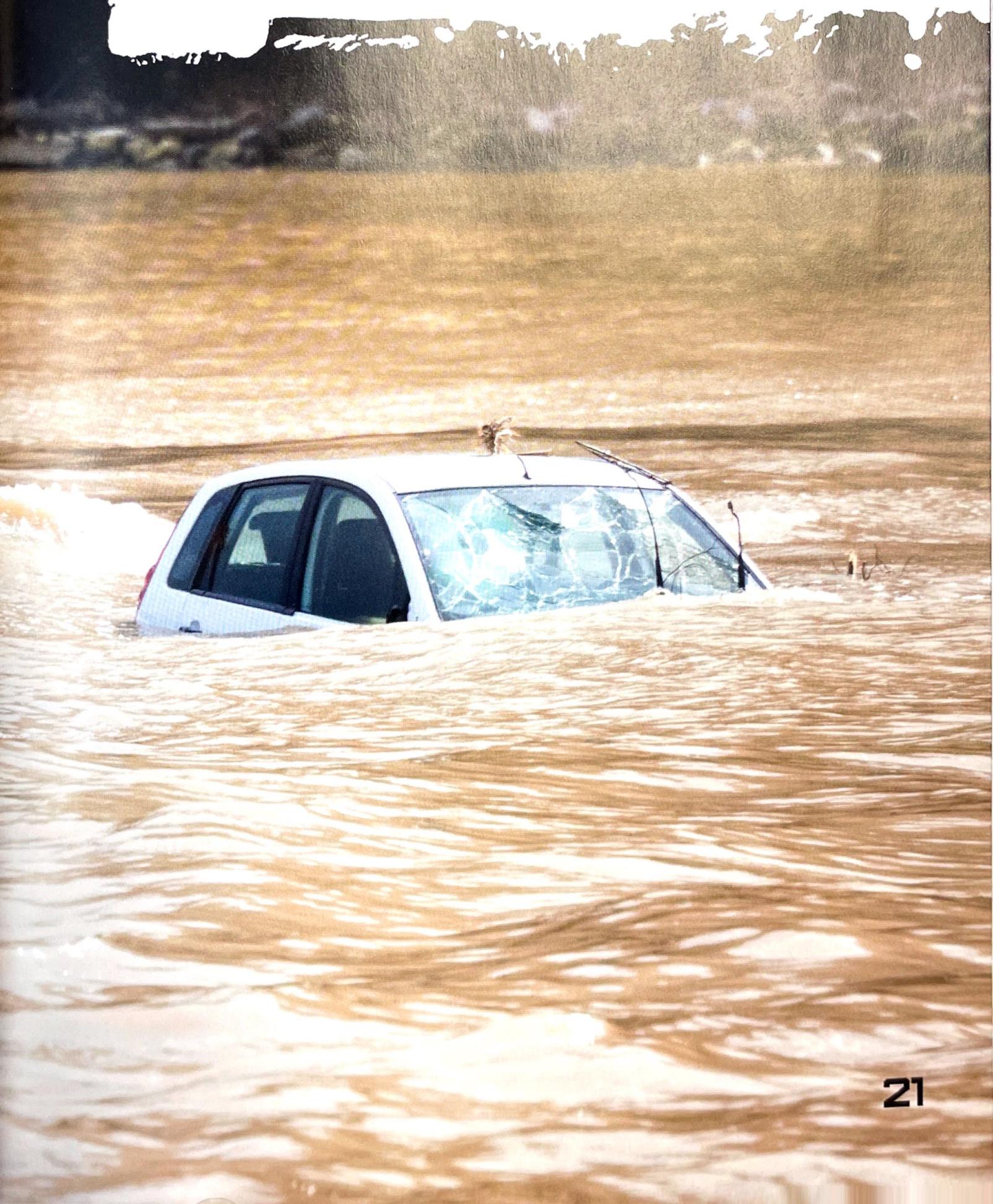
Listen to your battery-operated radio regularly. It will give you the latest storm information and evacuation plans.







If your car **stalls** in rising water, leave it and climb to higher ground. There you can wait for rescuers to come.



GLOSSARY

barrier – an obstacle that prevents access to somewhere.

electrocution – extreme injury or death by electric shock.

evacuate – the act of leaving or being removed from a place, especially for safety reasons.

levee – a barrier built to prevent overflow of water.

natural disaster – a force of nature that causes major damage or loss of life.

nonperishable – packaged to withstand long-term storage.

overflow – an excess of water.

stall – when a car engine stops running.

stranded – left behind without being able to move from somewhere.

valve – a device that controls the passage of gas through opening and closing it.



ONLINE RESOURCES



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NONFICTION NETWORK

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