

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

The North East Monsoon is about to commence in a few days. In view of this, as a precautionary step, the Government of Puducherry, on the benest of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister, taken up the desilting work of all the canals and drainages on war footing. The District Administration, issues certain advisories (Dos & Don'ts) to be followed by the general public during the time of heavy rain and lightning in order to prevent accidents and loss of life during monsoon.

**I - During Monsoon:**

**Dos:**

- Watch or listen current weather report.
- Know and keep in hand the emergency contact numbers.
- Keep first aid kit with you.
- Keep the drainage canals near you clean and free.
- Keep stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration.
- Inform municipal authorities in case of drainage blocks and water stagnation immediately.
- Keep portable and working battery operated Radio, Flashlights and extra batteries
- Call 1077/1070 for reporting any monsoon related issues
- Keep gallons of water in clean, closed containers and water cleaning tablets.
- Avoid land slide areas.
- Eat hygienic home cooked food and avoid eating out.
- Drink only boiled water.
- Wear footwear and avoid wading through contaminated water, as the soil and water contains all types of germs during rain.
- People with respiratory problems should not expose themselves to dust and rain.
- Malaria and Dengue can be avoided by getting rid of stagnant water.
- Avoid wearing wet and dirty clothes.
- Maintain hygiene. Wash hands with soap before eating. Cover your mouth with handkerchief while coughing and sneezing.
- Avoid self medication.
- Stay away from open fields: high land, trees, poles, other tall objects, water bodies and metal objects during lightning.
- Stay off the phone unless you need to make an emergency phone call.

**Don'ts:**

- Do not drive in a monsoon or a street flooded by a monsoon.
- Do not throw garbage in drainage canals, which will cause water stagnation and flood.
- Don't shower during a monsoon storm as lightning can pass through metal pipes.
- Do not encroach or block drainage canals.
- Don't touch downed power lines or try to move them.

**II – During Thunderstorm:**

**Dos and Don'ts (Indoors):**

- Do not touch electrical equipments. During thunderstorms, plug off Radio, TV, Electric stove, etc.
- Keep away from windows and doors.
- Avoid contacting metal pipes. Do not wash hands, bath, wash utensils, wash cloths and dry cloths.
- Keep away from TVs, Water tanks, pipes, and stoves.

**Dos and Don'ts (Outdoors):**

- Keep inside of your house, any other building, car or any other safe vehicle.
- Look out for a safe house, other such buildings or a car, as it is safer than standing outside.
- Never ever stand under a tree.
- Do not take shelter under any tallest object of a particular area
- Avoid the usage of metal objects and the usage of Two wheelers. Electric equipments and Electric fencings which are made up of metals.
- Stay away from water inundated areas, swimming pools, Lakes and other water bodies and boats
- Do not lay on the floor
- Do not stand as a group when lightning struck and spread up separately.
- Whenever you feel the hairs of your body are raising or you feel sensitizing on your skin, it indicates that a lightning may strike at that place and immediately close your ears and take shelter.

**Measures to be taken after a lightning:**

- After lightning, if required, the affected person may be administered with artificial respiration i.e. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
- Medical care should be administered immediately.

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