Before the Flood: Facilitator’s Guide

3 - 5 Person Game

The Deck
- 34 actions cards
- 7 situation (current weather - forecast) cards
- 4 time cards

Part 1: Time Categories
1. Have all the players gather on one side of the table if possible
2. Lay out the 1 month, 5 days, 1 day, 5 minutes time cards from left to right
3. Tell everyone that the cards represent the time they have to prepare for a flood event
4. Give all the action cards to the players
5. Tell the players to work as a group to decide which time card each action card should go under
6. Have them place the action cards under each time cards so that all the cards are visible
7. When each card has been sorted, ask which cards were the hardest to decide on and which they disagreed about*

*If working with children who have never experienced flooding, go through the cards with them and encourage them to ask questions about where a card would make the most sense

Part 2: Wrap-up and Discussion
- Ask players what they learned from the game
- Review why preparing early is important
  - To know what to do to get ready for a flood
  - To know what to do during a flood