



Flood Protection



KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Is your house in or near a flood hazard area? Check with the TPCG Permit Office at 985-873-6567 to learn about flood protection measures that might be appropriate for your property.

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY FOR YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Terrebonne Parish participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so it is available to everyone.

- Homeowners insurance does **NOT** cover flooding.
- Don't wait, there is a 30 day waiting period before a flood policy takes effect.
- Standard flood policies do **NOT** cover contents -make sure your policy does.
- If you live outside a special flood hazard area, you may be eligible for a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy.

PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM FLOOD HAZARDS

- Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house in the case of a flood.
- Make a list of emergency numbers, identify a safe place to go and know your evacuation route.
- Make a household inventory list, especially of contents. Video works great but be sure to get all walls top to bottom.
- Put insurance policies, valuable papers, and medicine in a safe dry place that is quickly accessible.
- Put cleaning supplies in a handy place.
- Develop a disaster response plan. See www.ready.gov/make-a-plan and the Red Cross website for a copy of the brochure *Your Family Disaster Plan*.
- Turn around, don't drown –do not drive through a flood.
- Teach children about floods and flood safety.

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOOD HAZARDS

- Mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits in floodable areas. Turning off the power to those areas can reduce property damage and save lives.
- Consider elevating your home above flood levels.
- Check your house for water entry points.
- Install a floor drain plug, standpipe, overhead sewer, or sewer backup valve to prevent sewer backup flooding.
- Some flood protection measures will require you to apply for a building permit.
- More information can be found in the Terrebonne Parish Permit Office, the Terrebonne Parish Library, or visit FloodSmart.gov.

BUILD RESPONSIBLY

- All development in special flood hazard areas requires a permit.
- High hazard V zones and Coastal A zones have stricter compliance requirements.
- Build to the best available knowledge rather than just to the regulatory standard. Build to be safe from flooding now *and in the future*.

PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS

- Erosion control on projects can help prevent sedimentation of flood paths. Report broken sediment fences or projects without a sediment fence to the Permit Office.

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