

Our Services

Among its other duties, the Floodplain Management Office helps citizens:

- Find out if their home or business is in the floodplain.
- Learn more about flood insurance.
- Understand how to build responsibly to reduce the risk of flood damage to new and existing buildings and ensure that flooding doesn't worsen in our community due to new projects in the floodplain.
- Find out how to protect an existing home or business from flooding and consider funding opportunities that can help cover the cost.
- Navigate floodplain maps and studies and learn about upcoming map changes.

Contact us to help with your floodplain issue.

IN PERSON

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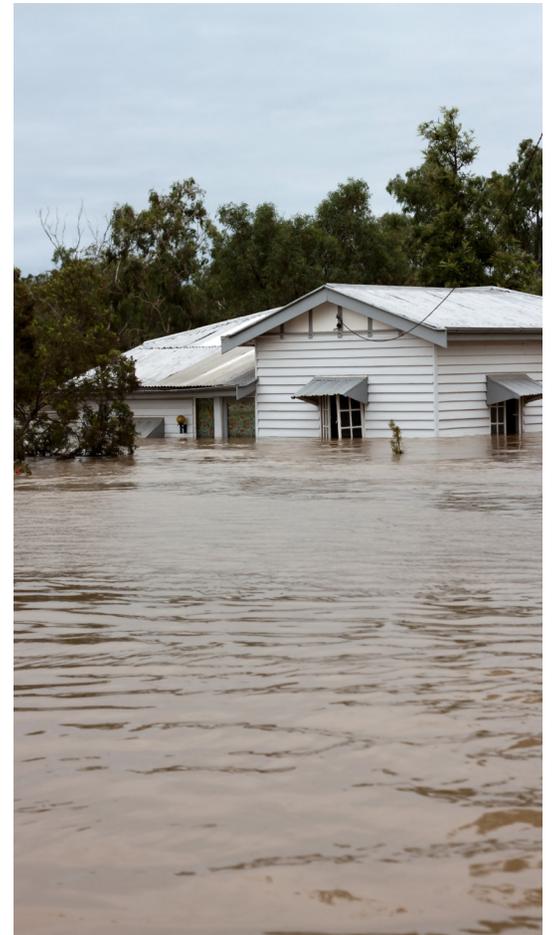
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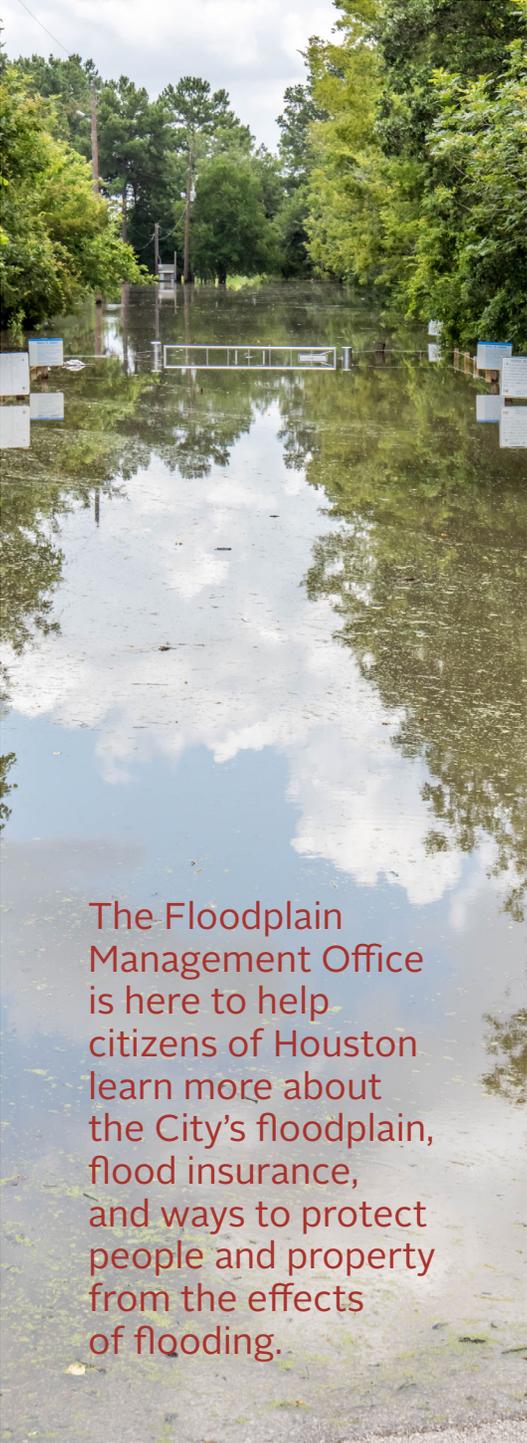
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Did You Know?

Most flood-related deaths are due to motorists attempting to cross a flooded low-water crossing or road. The most important thing you can do to stay safe from flood hazard is to avoid driving in intense rain and, when you see high water, Turn Around, Don't Drown!®

- Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Based on Houston's unique climate, flat topography, soil conditions, and development, flooding can occur in many areas of the City — not just the mapped floodplain. For this reason, we recommend that everyone in Houston have flood insurance.
- About 25% of all flood insurance claims occur outside of the mapped floodplain.
- The 100-year flood doesn't occur once every hundred years. The 100-year flood event has a 1% chance of happening in any given year. Statistics show that the 100-year flood event has approximately a 26% chance of occurring over a 30-year mortgage period.
- Flood insurance may be more affordable than you think. The City's good floodplain management practices earn flood insurance policy holders up to a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums. If you are in a lower risk area, you can get a flood insurance policy for about \$350 per year.
- There are some preventative measures you can take to protect your property from flood damage, such as building responsibly and retrofitting for flood risk.



The Floodplain Management Office is here to help citizens of Houston learn more about the City's floodplain, flood insurance, and ways to protect people and property from the effects of flooding.