



What's Your Flood Risk?

- Benton County flooding is caused by rivers and streams overflowing during high rain and storm events. Most flooding occurs from November through April.
- View your flood hazard zone at msc.fema.gov/portal/home
- Have a licensed land surveyor prepare an elevation certificate showing the flood height for your house or accessory structures.
- Contact the Floodplain Administrator (541-766-6819) for information and mitigation options for your property.



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Know Your Flood Hazard

A QUICK FLOOD
GUIDE

Before A Flood

Obtain Flood Insurance

- Learn about flood insurance benefits, resources, and options at [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov).

Have a Plan

- Develop a family emergency plan
- Build an emergency supply kit for floods and other hazards.
- Sign up to receive automated emergency notifications at [oralert.gov](https://www.oralert.gov).

Learn About Additional Property Mitigation Measures

- Keep debris and trash away from streams, ditches, and culverts.
- Call Benton County Public Works (541-766-6821) if you see a plugged culvert or ditch.
- Keep foundation flood vents free of debris and open at all times.
- Install additional flood vents in foundation walls.
- Elevate heat pumps, furnaces, and water heaters one foot above flood levels.
- Obtain permits for all development in or near a flood hazard area.
- Contact the Floodplain Administrator and Community Development Department (541-766-6819) before starting any construction project.



During A Flood



Alert Information

- Pay attention to National Weather Service advisories, watches, and warnings.
- Listen to local radio (550AM KOAC) and television stations for important hazard information.
- Check the Benton County Public Works website for current road closures and sandbag information.
- Go to ODOT's [tripcheck.com](https://www.tripcheck.com) or call 511 for highway conditions.

These Terms Mean It's Time To Act

1. **Advisory:** Go over your emergency plan and be ready to follow it.
2. **Watch:** Be ready for conditions to worsen in the next 12 to 72 hours.
3. **Warning:** Hazardous weather is imminent - it's time to activate your emergency plan!

Things to Remember

- Turn off all electrical circuits at the fuse panel or disconnect switches. Unplug all electrical appliances.
- Shut off water and gas valves.
- Avoid driving over flooded roads and use alternate routes. Roads may be washed out and 2 inches of water can float a car off the road.

After A Flood

Before Beginning Damage Cleanup and Repairs

- Call the Floodplain Administrator (541-766-6819) to report all damage.
- Contact your insurance agent to begin the claim process.
- Wait for verification from the County that it is safe to enter your structures.
- Take pictures of all exterior flood damage and the areas that got flooded as soon as it is safe to do so.
- When it is safe to enter structures, take pictures of interior flood damage.
- Obtain all required permits BEFORE beginning any repairs. Contact Benton County Community Development to see if you need a floodplain, construction, or other permit.

Scan this QR Code for more Floodplain Information.

