



Is My Property In A Flood Zone?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified portions of Lake County as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

For Flood Zone information, FEMA documents on structures built after April 1, 1982; such as Elevation Certificates, Letters of Map Changes (LOMA's and LOMR's) that may be on file, please contact:

Lake County Public Works, Floodplain Administration via email flood@lakecountyfl.gov or call 352-253-9081.

To view FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps on the Internet, visit: [Link to Lake County's web page](#)

Flooding or Drainage Concerns?

On-site visits and technical assistance are provided to residents who are experiencing problems in areas of flooding and drainage. **Please direct your inquiries to 352-253-9084.**

What is the 100 Year Flood?

This is a storm event having a 1% probability of occurring in any given year. These events can occur several times within a year. Lake County's flooding events may be caused by heavy rainfall that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during seasonal storms. Tropical storms and hurricanes can also cause flooding, not just along a coastline but far inland as well.

Flood Insurance

Flood Insurance is available through the Federal Insurance Administration and is administered by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) making federally guaranteed flood insurance available at a reasonable rate to property owners and renters for communities that voluntarily adopt and enforce the NFIP's floodplain management requirements.

Flood insurance information
[Link to FEMA's Flood Smart web page](#)



Be Flood Aware

Navigating your Flood-Related Resources at Lake County Government

Development within a Floodplain

Obtaining Permits & Certificates

Development in the floodplain requires a Floodplain Construction Authorization Permit. This includes, but is not limited to, agricultural properties, improvements to structures, excavation, filling, dredging, paving, drilling, mining, clearing and grading.

Elevation Certificates may be required if that development occurs within a flood zone. The finished floor of the structure is required to be a minimum of one and a half feet (18 inches) above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for that flooding source (SFHA) and Elevation Certificates would be required certifying the elevations. **For assistance, call 352-253-9081**

Illegal Floodplain Development, illegal dumping into Stormwater drainage system and water bodies may be reported by calling Lake County Public Works / Stormwater at **352-253-9084**.

Emergency News and Information

Where To Get The Latest News

Flood Warning / Comprehensive Emergency Operation Plan (CEOP) provides citizens with information on impending storms or flood threats. For up to date information go to:

Radio: WQBQ AM 1410 or WKIQ AM 1240 or WLBE AM 790

Local TV: Channel 13 and Bright House Channel 199

Internet: [Link to NOAA's web page](#) : or [Link to Lake County's web page](#)

For St. Johns River Real-time Stream Gages go to [Link to St Johns River real time gauge web page](#)

Flood Safety Measures

Don't Take Chances!

Remember, do not walk or drive through flood waters and always stay away from downed power lines. For more Flood Safety Information, and an Informational Kit **contact**

Lake County Emergency Management at 352- 343-9420 or go to [Link to FEMA's web page](#).

Natural Functioning Floodplains

Floodplains Do Have Their Good Points

Floodplains may provide benefits such as, spreading flood water over a larger area thus reducing the velocity of the water, by acting as a buffer to reduce potential damage to buildings and they can improve water quality by filtering water before it reaches underground water supplies.

Drainage Systems Maintenance

Managing the Flow From Below

Drainage System Maintenance may be needed before, during or after storm events. Erosion, sedimentation and overgrowth of vegetation may require maintenance of stormwater drainage systems to prevent flooding.