



PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FLOOD DAMAGE:

Here are some things you can do to reduce flood damage:

- Elevate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and washers/dryers or move them to areas less likely to flood.
- Make sure that gutters and downspouts are clear and working properly to direct water away from your home's foundation.
- Have Sandbags, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy to help minimize flood damage.
- If a flood warning is issued, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home or to higher locations if time allows.

CONSIDER PURCHASING FLOOD INSURANCE:

The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which provides discounted flood insurance rates to Auburn property owners. Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover losses due to floods. Contact your insurance agency or visit the Flood Smart website at www.floodsmart.gov for more information. Discounted rates are listed on the site.

HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR



HELP PREVENT LOCALIZED FLOODING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

The simple act of clearing leaves and debris away from storm drains and ditches near your property will allow rain water to drain better. Remember, only rain down the drain. It is illegal to dispose of grass clippings and other yard waste into drainage areas. Take advantage of Auburn's curbside yard waste collection service or compost and mulch leaves and grass clippings. If we keep pollutants and debris from flowing into our storm drains, we'll do our part to keep our natural waters clean and prevent localized flooding.

PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES:

Auburn's floodplains are beneficial in many ways. Floodplains facilitate important functions that fish and wildlife, including federally listed species such as Chinook salmon, require to survive. Preventing pollutants from going down storm drains helps provide better water quality not only for people, but for aquatic species as well.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

To find out if your property lies within an identified flood hazard area, call Auburn's Environmental Services Division at 253-288-4318 or email environmentalservices@auburnwa.gov

To learn more about flood preparedness, call Auburn's Emergency Management Division at 253-876-1925 or email emergencyprep@auburnwa.gov

OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS



DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS:

Flooding can occur in low lying areas called floodplains when the Green or White Rivers, or streams such as Mill Creek, overflow. Floodplains provide a beneficial function by holding the water until it moves downstream or soaks into the ground. This is nature's way of slowing down the flow of water, restoring nutrients into the soil, maintaining water quality, and recharging groundwater. However, because floodplains are also places of flood hazard, they are regulated by the City.

The City requires a Floodplain Development Permit for any clearing, grading, or construction in flood hazard areas. This includes any improvements or repairs to existing structures where the cost of the improvement or repair equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the work occurs. If you are planning any work in a flood hazard area, or if you know of unapproved development that has occurred in the floodplain, or unapproved changes that have been made to a drainage system, such as filling, or rerouting of streams or ditches, please contact the Auburn Permit Center at 253-931-3020, and select option #1.



KNOW THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM



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Flood Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service. The City monitors these warnings and coordinates evacuations, if necessary, through our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). If an evacuation order is issued, the City will alert residents through various methods: Emergency Broadcast messages on local TV and radio stations, Code Red Alerts to your phone, email, text message, social media postings, 1700 AM radio broadcasts, and, if necessary, door-to-door warnings. All landlines are in the Code Red database but you may register as many additional phone lines and emails as you wish. Visit auburnwa.gov/codered to add phone numbers and email addresses to our lists.

DON'T DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER

If you come upon a flooded roadway, take a detour. Don't underestimate the force and power of water; a flood could have caused the road bed to collapse, and even water that doesn't look deep or fast-flowing can still sweep your vehicle away. Be especially careful at night when flood dangers are hard to recognize.



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