ARE YOU FLOOD READY?

In a flood zone, a house has a one in four chance of being flooded over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

Make your home flood-ready.

**Sewer**
Install backflow valves to protect home from sewage backup.

**Utilities**
Raise electrical and heating and cooling systems.

**Outside Equipment**
Anchor fuel tanks and other equipment.

**Pumps**
Ensure sump pump works and battery is fully charged.

**Elevation**
Raise your home to avoid floodwater.

**Landscaping**
Slope away from foundation, minimize paved areas, and use native plants.

Save money on repairs and flood insurance premiums.
BE FLOOD-READY.

Take steps to prepare before a flood happens. Understand your flood risk. Take steps to lower your risk. Have a plan to protect your family.

**Take time to investigate.**

**Flood zones.** Input your address and this website will provide the location of the applicable flood zone boundaries. [region2coastal.com/view-flood-maps-data/what-is-my-bfe-address-lookup-tool](region2coastal.com/view-flood-maps-data/what-is-my-bfe-address-lookup-tool)

**Home elevation.** Visit the local building official or hire a surveyor to find this important measurement. A home’s lowest floor should be above the base flood elevation, which is how high water is expected to rise in a 100-year flood as depicted on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps. Flood insurance premiums are determined using this information.

**Risk reduction tips.** This website offers good advice. [disastersafety.org/flood/reduce-flood-damage-to-homes](disastersafety.org/flood/reduce-flood-damage-to-homes)

**Look beyond FEMA flood maps.** More than two-thirds of flood losses occur outside of FEMA flood zones. Use this tool, the New Jersey Coastal Hazard Profiler, to learn more. [njfloodmapper.org/profiler](njfloodmapper.org/profiler)

**Buy flood insurance.** Homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.

**Take time to prepare.**

**Make a family emergency plan.** Don’t forget the pets! Know what is required if going to a shelter or hotel. For more information, visit redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan.

**Evacuate when told.** Follow the advice of local officials. Even if your house is safe, nearby properties may be at risk. Emergency vehicles may not be able to reach you.

**Map the route.** Know where to go when the call to evacuate comes.