

An illustration of a two-story house with a brown roof and a chimney, sitting on a red and white striped life preserver. The life preserver is floating in blue water with white ripples.

12-Steps to Flood Protection Awareness



Flood Hazard

Flooding can occur almost anywhere. Find Flood Hazard risk areas by visiting www.floodsmart.gov and by looking at flood hazard risk profile.



Flood Safety

Do not walk through flowing water. Keep away from flooded areas, power lines, electrical wires, animals and snakes, etc. Look before you step. Electricity must be turned off by the Electric Company. Be alert for gas leaks.



Flood Insurance

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Contact your insurance company for flood insurance or 1-800-427-4661 for information about the National Flood Insurance Program.



Property Protection Measures

Move needed items to upper floors. Use sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber to help reduce flood damage.



Natural and Beneficial Functions

Floodplains absorb large amounts of rain, filter stormwater runoff, reduce flooding, and provide wildlife habitat. Preserve the floodplain for its natural state.



Flood Warning System

Local emergency broadcasts at WONN 1230 AM Radio, WPCV 97.5 FM and WFTV channel 9 TV. Visit www://Lakelandgov.net for emergency broadcast information.



Floodplain Development Permit

Get permits before you build on, fill, alter, or regrade your property in floodplain. Report suspected illegal activity to Building Inspection at 834-6012.



Substantial Improvement Requirements

Get permits before you improve upon your property in floodplain. Report suspected illegal activity to Building Inspection at 834-6012.



Drainage System Maintenance

Keep debris out of drainage swales and ditches. Report illegal dumping to Code Enforcement at 834-6251.



Lakeland Flood Hazards

The Lakeland Urban Areas most prone to flooding are within drainage basins of Blackwater and Itchepackesassa, Poley and English Creeks.



Flood Elevation Certificates

Flood Elevation certificates are available by visiting City Hall Building Department or by visiting web at <http://www.lakelandgov.net/records.html>



Flood Hazard Maps

Flood Maps are available at Lakeland Library and City Hall or Visit <http://www.fema.gov>

