

Floodplains:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes floodplain and floodway mapping for the entire country. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approves dam failure studies downstream of dams and requires the county to zone these areas to protective zoning categories. FEMA floodplain and floodway boundaries and dam failure boundaries are displayed on the [Waukesha County GIS](#) (zoom to your area of interest and check the "Floodplains" box). Floodplains are zoned to Flood Fringe District or General Floodplain District and floodways are zoned Floodway District. Floodplain boundaries are approximated based upon generalized elevation data. In-field surveys are needed to precisely locate floodplain boundaries.

[FEMA Floodplain Information](#)

Flood Safety and Awareness

What you should know about Flood Safety:

- Make a family emergency communication plan and include pets.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work and in the car.
- Check on your neighbors to make sure they are okay.
- Know what to do before, during and after a flood.
- Flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect, so purchase now to protect your family!
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV or social media.
- Evacuate when advised by authorities or if you are in a flood or flash prone area.
- If you are on high ground above flooded areas, being prepared to stay where you are may be the best protection.
- Never drive or walk through flooded streets; Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not go through flood waters.

Please click on the links below for more information.

- **Flood Safety Awareness Week** – [Flood Safety Awareness Week \(weather.gov\)](#)
- [FloodSmart.gov](#)
- [How to Prepare for a Flood](#)
- [Communication of Flood Risk – HFIAA Section 28 letter FAQ's](#)
- [Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage](#)
- [Flood Safety for You and Your Family](#)
- [Rebuilding in an AE Flood Zone](#)
- [The Awesome Power of Floods](#)
- [Flood Preparation and Safety Brochure](#)
- [Flooding Safety](#)
- **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** – ["Floodplain and Shoreland Management Notes Newsletter"](#)
- **State of Wisconsin, Division of Emergency Management** – ["Are you ready for flooding"](#)
- [Flood Hazards](#)
- [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\) Support Call Center](#)
- [Spring Flooding: Risks and Protection](#)
- [What to do before, during and after a flood.](#)