



KNOWING YOUR RISKS

Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and more intense, and as a result, **risks to natural disaster events are increasing**. Take action now to learn about your specific risks and get plugged into key information sources so you can stay safe in the face of future disasters.



IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE KINDS OF IMPACTS THEY MAY HAVE

- Did you know that government flood maps are not reliable indicators of flood risk? Look up your address or zip code at www.riskfactor.com to analyze your home's risks from flooding, wildfire, or extreme heat



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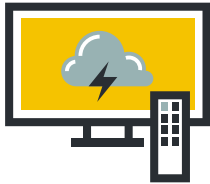
- Download the app "**FEMA**" and receive real-time weather and emergency alerts from the National Weather Service by signing up under "alerts"
- Download the Red Cross app "**Emergency: Alerts**", which allows you to customize weather alerts and find open Red Cross shelters
- Check if your **local emergency management department** has its own notification system by visiting its website



**FACT: OVER
5.9 MILLION**

**PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY OWNERS ACROSS THE US FACE
SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF FLOODING DESPITE BEING OUTSIDE
FEMA'S SPECIAL HAZARD AREAS¹**

3.



KNOW AND REGULARLY CHECK KEY INFORMATION SOURCES FOR ANY APPROACHING HAZARDS AND LOCAL EMERGENCIES

- Search for your local radio station that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office at www.weather.gov/nwr/station_search
- Tune in to your **local TV news stations**. Many local emergency management departments work with them to provide you with information during an emergency

TIP: If there is a power outage, save your phone's battery by closing apps you're not using and reducing the brightness of your screen

4.



IF YOU ARE BUYING A HOME, FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT PAST FLOODING

- Ask the current owners, but also employ a professional home inspector with flood experience to help **uncover possible water damage** or mold issues from any previous flooding
- Contact your local emergency management department for information on **past flood events** in the area

**DID YOU KNOW: THAT MOST STATES DO NOT REQUIRE HOME SELLERS TO
DISCLOSE PAST FLOODING TO THEIR HOMES?**



1. https://firststreet.org/research-lab/published-research/2020-national-flood-risk-assessment-highlights/?tid=lk_inline_enhanced-template