

Consider these facts

- Levees may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding and are subject to catastrophic failure.
- Even if a levee meets the FEMA standard of protection, there is a greater than 25% chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).
- Flood damage is not covered by most standard homeowner, renter, and business owner insurance policies.
- **The State recommends that you obtain flood insurance for your property.**
Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.



REMEMBER THIS SIMPLE **3-STEP** PLAN

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Be Aware

- Check** to see if you live in a floodplain by visiting <https://water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk>.
- Pay Attention** to forecasts and warnings from local emergency response officials.
- Check** with your local flood control agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter, or re-grade your property.



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Be Prepared

- Prepare** an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, blankets, water, food, first-aid kit, and a list and supply of all medications.
- Keep** important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure, or as high as possible.
- Make a list** of items to take with you and have a plan for your pets. Know how to safely shut off your utilities. Listen to authorities for emergency instructions.
- Establish** a family meeting place.
- Never** excavate, plant, modify, or build anything on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

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Take Action

- Turn Around, Don't Drown!**
Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters.
- Never** try to escape rising floodwater by going into the attic unless you have roof access, or if there are no other safe options.
- Remember** just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Consider** buying flood insurance.
- For more ideas** about protecting your property against floods, visit water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and click on "Protect Your Property from Flooding."

DID YOU KNOW?

- A State of Emergency was declared in **47 out of 58** California counties due to 2023 flooding.
- At least **28 people died** due to storms and flooding in California in 2023 – many from attempting to drive through flooded roadways.
- Storms are expected to become **more powerful** and damaging in the coming decades.

ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE.
Por favor compártala con sus inquilinos. Tradúzcala si es necesario.
Para preguntas llame al: 1-877-769-7475 o visite:
www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

Get a list of your local emergency contacts and more local, state, and federal information at:
myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov • 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) • TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Dear Property Owner,

Your property is located behind a State/Federal project levee. According to our records, your property located at _____ may be exposed to potential flood risk from the _____ levee. Your property may also be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice, such as creeks and local storm drains.

Visit water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and enter your property address to find the areas subject to flooding if State/Federal levees should fail, and to get information about State/Federal levees in your area.



Flood Risk Notification Program

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2026 FLOOD RISK NOTICE

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