



FLOOD ZONE

IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Flood Insurance Rating System and achieved a Class 8 designation that enables residents in FEMA-designated flood zones or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to receive discounts of up to 10 percent on flood insurance. The flood zone is in the southern and western parts of the city, generally surrounding the flood control channel running from East 14th Street near Bayfair Center to San Francisco Bay.

Properties in the flood zone that have federally backed loans are required to have flood insurance. If you are unsure whether your home is in the flood zone, we will gladly provide you with flood zone information. Please send your name, email address, phone number and the site address you are inquiring about by:

- Email to: SanLeandroFloodInfo@sanleandro.org -or-
- Phone: City's Flood Zone Information Hotline at 510-577-3413

Flood zone maps can be viewed at www.fema.gov/hazard/flood or at the City's Division of Building & Safety Services located on the 1st Floor, City Hall at 835 E. 14th Street.

Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

Although only about 2,000 homes are in San Leandro's flood zone, the following are steps all residents can take to reduce flood risks.

- Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the flood control channels in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding flood control channels, please contact Alameda County Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500.
- Keeping storm drains free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding the City's drainage system maintenance, please contact Public Works – Water Pollution Control Plant at (510) 577-3434.
- Do not drive or walk around road barriers where roads or pathways may be flooded or washed out.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- In the event of home flooding, turn off electricity.
- Do not use appliances or motors that get wet unless they are taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers.

Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

Flood Zone Workshop

A community workshop on the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area is being planned in the coming months. The workshop will be advertised on the City's Division of Building & Safety Services —Floodplain Management page at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/bldg/flood.asp> or contact Lyzanne Alfonso, Building & Safety Services @ (510) 577-3405 or lalfonso@sanleandro.org if you would like to be placed on the notification list.