

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**You are receiving this brochure because your property is in or near a levee inundation area.  
Preparing makes good sense. Know your risk. Make a plan. Stay informed.**

The graphic features a photograph of a large, two-story building with a dark roof and multiple windows, likely a public works facility. The building is set against a backdrop of trees and a clear sky. The image is overlaid with a blue banner at the bottom containing white text, and a white banner at the top containing blue text. The overall design is clean and professional, with a focus on public safety and community awareness.

Marin County Department of Public Works  
and Community Rating System

**Don't Rake Leaves into Streets!**  
Leaves can block gutters and storm drains,  
causing localized flooding. Use your green can.

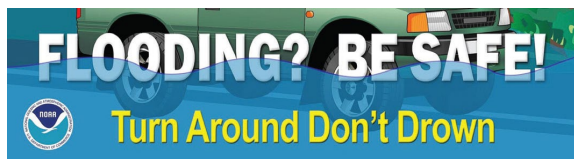
**WINTER IS COMING...  
ARE YOU PREPARED?  
GET FLOOD WISE, MARIN!**

**This mailing is sent to the listed property owner. Please distribute to onsite tenants for their preparedness information and use.**

**Did you know that the County of Marin provides free information services?** As a public service, County of Marin staff will provide basic information from the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Contact your community representative for additional flood information, such as known drainage issues, levee or dam inundation areas, areas of predicted flooding areas to sea level rise, floodways, depth of flooding, tsunamis inundation, historical flooding, and areas of repetitive loss as reported to FEMA, and wetlands. Staff is available to perform site visits, provide information on reducing flood risk, and available to discuss financial assistance options.

The Marin County Department of Public Works maintains copies of elevation certificates for unincorporated areas. Visit our Land Development offices located in Room 308 and the Marin County Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive in San Rafael. Contact us at 415-473-3755, email us at [DPWLandDevEngineer@MarinCounty.org](mailto:DPWLandDevEngineer@MarinCounty.org), or visit our website <https://publicworks.marincounty.org/fema-flood-information-national-flood-insurance-program-nfip/>. For residents of cities and towns, please contact your community Public Works Department for more information.

- 1) **KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD** -- Is your property in a Special Flood Hazard Area? Marin County has a long history of flooding. During the rainy season creek may overflow and there may be tidal flooding along the shoreline. Find out by calling your community Public Works Department for your flood coordinator. Flood information for unincorporated Marin County is available at 415-473-3755 and you can visit the website [www.marinmap.org](http://www.marinmap.org).
- 2) **INSURE YOUR PROPERTY** - Did you know that homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage? Flooding is not covered by standard insurance policies. Whether you are a property owner or renter, a flood insurance policy is critical to protecting your home or business. Even a few inches of water can result in thousands of dollars in repair and restoration costs. Marin County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes federally backed insurance available for all structures. The purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for all federally backed loans or financial assistance. Contact your insurance agency for more information or visit the website [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov).
- 3) **PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY** -- Concerned about flooding? Sign up to receive emergency alerts! If you live, work or go to school in Marin, and are 18 years or older, you can register to receive emergency alerts by phone, text, email, or app. Alert Marin delivers incident-specific information and potentially life-saving instructions to the precise geographic area(s) affected.
- 4) **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY** -- Contact your community representative for additional flood information, such as known drainage issues, levee or dam inundation areas, areas of predicted flooding areas due to sea level rise, floodways, depth of flooding, and areas of repetitive loss as reported to FEMA. Staff is available to perform site visits, provide information on reducing flood risk and available financial assistance.
  - Elevate the building above the flood level
  - Elevate damage-prone components such as furnace or air conditioning unit
  - Dry floodproof the building so water cannot get into it
  - Wet floodproof portions of the building so water won't cause damage
  - Construct a berm or redirect drainage away from the building
  - Maintain nearby streams, ditches, and storm drains so debris does not obstruct them
- 5) **BUILD RESPONSIBLY** -- Get a permit before you build
  - Build in accordance with County codes and FEMA recommendations for flood protection
  - Install HVAC equipment and proper ventilation above the base flood elevation
  - Get required permits for work
- 6) **PROTECT THE NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS** -- Did you know local street flooding is often caused by blockage of local drainage systems? Protect our communities and our sensitive waterways and habitat by preventing hazardous waste from going into the storm drain. Take your chemicals, paints, and motor oil to a local recycling facility ([www.zerowastemarin.org](http://www.zerowastemarin.org)). Debris and waste that washes through the drainage system can cause environmental damage to our creeks and the San Francisco Bay. Don't rake leaves into the street. Leaves can block gutters and storm drains, causing localized flooding.



Did you know that Marin County is a Storm Ready community and a Tsunami Ready Community?

FEMA: <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>

Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District: <https://marinflooddistrict.org/>

Marin County Watershed Program: <https://marinflooddistrict.org/watersheds>

Marin County Public Works Department: <https://PublicWorks.MarinCounty.org/fema-flood-information-national-flood-insurance-program-nfip/>

National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>

Get Ready: <https://www.ready.gov/floods>

Real time rainfall, creek stage, and weather data: <https://marin.onerain.com/>

Marin County Sheriff Office of Emergency Management: <https://emergency.marincounty.org/pages/oem>

Alert Marin: <https://emergency.marincounty.org/pages/alertmarin>

Marin County Public Works, Land Development 415-473-3755

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