

FLOODING INFORMATION

YOUR PROPERTY COULD BE AT RISK

Your property is in an area that has been identified as a flood zone. Being in or near a flood zone does not necessarily mean that your property has experienced floods.

It does mean that your property is in an area that has been identified by computer modeling as an area that could flood under certain conditions.

As we head toward our rainy season, now is a good time to prepare for, and protect your property from, possible flooding.

SU PROPIEDAD PODRÍA ESTAR EN RIESGO

Le estamos enviando este aviso porque su propiedad se encuentra ubicada en una zona de inundación o en un área propensa a inundarse. En este folleto usted encontrará los pasos a seguir para estar preparado(a) y proteger su propiedad ante posibles inundaciones. Para más información usted puede encontrar una traducción al español de este folleto ingresando a cityofpetaluma.org/inundaciones



PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood damage is not covered by your standard homeowner's insurance. Flood insurance is a special insurance that is available for you to purchase from the Federal Government as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This is the best way to protect yourself against losses from flooding.

Because Petaluma meets the rigorous standards set by the Federal Government, you will also benefit from a 20% cost reduction on your insurance premium should you choose to buy it. The insurance will cover buildings and their contents 30 days after you apply.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY

BEFORE A FLOOD



BE PREPARED

Visit the City of Petaluma website - Visit cityofpetaluma.org/flooding to learn how to:

- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Get up to date flood information
- Find your evacuation zone on the City's evacuation map.



GET INFORMATION AND STAY INFORMED

Contact City Staff - City staff can help you determine if your property is in a flood zone or in an area that is prone to flooding. Check the FEMA maps at <https://xara1-4.cityofpetaluma.net/jsviewers/firm/> or call Public Works at 707-778-4303 for help.

Review the Federal Emergency Management Agency websites for info about flood zones and insurance and fema.gov/flood-insurance

Call your insurance agency or visit the Sonoma County public library to learn more about flood insurance.

Get our Newsletter - visit cityofpetaluma.org/subscribe to get Petaluma's regular email newsletter for advance warning about upcoming weather events and information about how to protect yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your property.

Follow us on Social Media - Join your Next Door neighborhood, or follow the City of Petaluma on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to get emergency updates and information.



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Elevate your structure - If your property is lower than the "Base Flood Elevation" (elevation of the 100-year flood, based on the FEMA maps), consider elevating your structure, if possible.

Use sandbags - If a flood is imminent, you could use sandbags to protect areas where water could enter your living space. The City of Petaluma provides sand and sandbags before and during flood events and storms.

Move valuables - You can also move furniture, important paperwork, and valuables to higher areas of your dwelling to minimize damage.

Call City staff - Our staff offers advice to property owners about flooding and drainage issues. Call 707-778-4303 for help.



MAINTAIN DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND PIPES

Keep drainage areas and pipes around your property clear of debris that could cause flooding. Drainage channels and pipes located on City property or easements are maintained and kept clean by our staff.

You can help by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). Call the City Public Works department at 707-778-4303 to report obstructions. It is illegal to dump or leave trash, leaves, landscape debris, paint, grease, or any other materials in the City's drainage system or creeks.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY



DURING A FLOOD



TURN OFF POWER AND GAS

If your property is in imminent danger of flooding, please contact PG&E at 1-800743-5000 to request that your power and natural gas be shut off, or for guidance on how to do it yourself.



TUNE-IN TO LOCAL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS

Tune into KZST 100.1, KSRO AM 1350, KCBS AM 740, KBBF 89.1 FM (Spanish), local television stations or NOAA Weather Radio (frequencies 146.460 or 146.535) for Watch and Warning Bulletins and any corresponding emergency instructions.



EVACUATE

The City of Petaluma Fire Department will order or advise evacuations if needed. To learn more about evacuations and how to sign up for alerts, visit cityofpetaluma.org/evacuations. If evacuations are called for, it is imperative that you follow instructions in the time frame noted.



AVOID DRIVING

If dangerous flooding conditions are imminent, avoid driving a vehicle. If the roadway is flooded, TURN AROUND – DON'T DROWN! Do not attempt to drive or wade through deep pockets of water or running water. Avoid unstable banks of creeks or the river.



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Did you know that Petaluma has experienced five major floods since 1982? We've also had several minor floods that have damaged homes and structures. Petalumans are much safer than in decades past because we have invested in important improvements around our river and floodplains. However, our weather patterns are changing, and mother nature can surprise all of us. Even if you do not live in an identified flood zone, your property could still be at risk.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS & REFERENCES

- **Public Works Department** – Call this department to ask for help about how to protect your property or to report obstacles in drainage channels 707-778-4303
- **PG&E** – Call PG&E to get information about, or to turn off, your gas or electricity - 1-800-743-5000
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** - [fema.gov/flood-insurance](https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance)