TENANTS: please share this flood risk information with your landlord or apartment manager.

Protect What Matters

Think about what your family and property means to you. Have you done everything you can to protect them?

Know Your Flood Risk Now!

Your property is located in or near an area that has a high flood risk. It may be within or near either a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulated floodplain or a local regulatory floodplain. These are considered areas that have a 1% or greater chance of being flooded in any given year (a high risk of flooding) and are often referred to as the 100-year floodplain.

Contact Us Now If You Don’t Know Your Flood Risk

For floodplain questions and recent floodplain changes near your property, contact your local Floodplain Contact: Stacey Thompson sthompson@semswa.org 303-858-8844

For questions on preparing for an emergency, contact your Office of Emergency Management: Nathan Fogg nfogg@arapahoegov.com 720-874-3659

Major Streams Within Your Community

- Big Dry Creek
- Cherry Creek
- Goldsmith Gulch
- Lee Gulch
- Little Dry Creek
- Littles Creek
- Piney Creek

How close do you live to a floodplain? Search your address at http://udfcd.org/floodmap
Why not just build higher?

Building above the 1% chance flood level is helpful but not always practical. Higher buildings cost more and make the property susceptible to other disasters (new construction, addition, remodel, filling and grading, etc.) requires a permit from the local government.

Get a Floodplain Use Permit before you build.

Construction in the floodway has special requirements. Substantially damaged or improved building have special requirements.

Understand Your Flood Risk

Anywhere it rains, it can flood. All rivers, streams, tributaries and canals—regardless of size—have the potential to flood. There is a 1 in 4 chance that a high-risk area will be flooded during a 30-year period. If a property was flooded previously, there is still the potential for that property to flood again. Search your address on the UDFCD Flood Hazard Map at udfcd.org/floodmap

Get Flood Insurance

Flood Insurance is recommended for everyone, but especially if you are in or near a mapped floodplain area. Standard homeowners’ insurance policies do not cover flood losses. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure just their contents (even if the owner does not insure the structure).

• You cannot be denied flood insurance.
• You do not need to be within a floodplain to qualify for flood insurance.
• If you live in a floodplain or high-risk area and have a Federally-backed mortgage, your mortgage lender requires you to have flood insurance.
• There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective, so plan ahead.
• Following a Natural Disaster, Federal assistance may be limited if you don’t have flood insurance.

6-Inch Flood 2,000 SQ. FT. HOME
Flooring $35,870
Walls $2,910
Finishing $1,920
Cabinets $4,500
Other $13,950
TOTAL COST $39,150

Find a local Flood Insurance Agent, or evaluate your flood risk, by filling out the Flood Risk Profile at FloodSmart.gov

Protect Your Home from Flood Hazard

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Before A Flood

• Obtain flood insurance.
• Keep trash and debris out of the drainage channels, so they can carry flood flows.
• Ensure that water flows away from your house.
• Report potential problems like blocked culverts, or people dumping debris in the channels.
• Construct barriers around window wells or other building openings to keep flood water from entering. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing.
• Floodproofing buildings can help reduce potential flood damages to structures and their contents. Structural changes should be designed by a professional engineer. A building permit may be required for this type of work.
• Ask your plumber about a valve to prevent sewage back-up.

After A Flood

• Cover broken windows and holes in the roof or walls to prevent further weather damage.
• Call your insurance agent. Proceed with immediate clean-up measures to reduce any health hazards. List and take pictures of ruined items before disposing of them. Take pictures of the damage, and keep record of repairs. Show these to the insurance appraiser for verification.
• You need to obtain a permit for repair if it’s more than just cleanup! Contact your local Floodplain Contact on the opposite side of this brochure.

Build Smarter, Safer, and Responsibly!

Remember that all development in the floodplain (new construction, addition, remodel, filling and grading, etc.) requires a permit from the local government.

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We Build Projects That Protect You

Benefits of the Floodplain

During flood events, urban stream corridors function as conveyance systems for storm runoff. There is a universal benefit to preserving the natural floodplain functions. Floodplains allow water to spread over a large area reducing the speed and volume of floodwater downstream.

Quality Counts

Help keep our lakes and streams clean; properly dispose of motor oil, pick up pet waste; use car washes instead of washing at home, and follow directions when using fertilizers, pesticides, and weed control chemicals.

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