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Floodplain Fast Facts

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My home has been identified as being in the FEMA floodplain, what does that mean?

In 1986, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped the areas in Sedgwick County that were prone to flooding. These areas are commonly known as the 100-year floodplain. A more precise description would be the one percent annual chance flood hazard areas. Basically, this means every year there is a one percent chance that flooding in these areas can occur.

What does this mean for me as a homeowner?

Sedgwick County adopted the FEMA maps and joined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). By joining the NFIP, residents of Sedgwick County are able to purchase flood insurance.

Doesn't my homeowners' policy cover flooding?

No. Flood insurance is only available through the NFIP. Your homeowners' policy does not cover damages resulting from flooding. Contact your insurance agent for information about your specific policy.

I moved into my home before 1986, what has changed since the FEMA maps were completed?

Many homes in these flood hazard areas were built prior to the 1986 mapping, and the owners of these properties may not be aware that a risk exists. Special building requirements were not in place that help protect these homes from inundation of floodwaters.

For More Information:

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Sedgwick County Emergency Management
316-660-5959
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Kansas Division of Water Resources
785-296-5440
www.ksda.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency
1-888-CALL-FLOOD
www.fema.gov/nfip

Now that I know my home could be at risk, what should I do to protect my family?

First, you should check into your homeowner's insurance policy. If you do not have flood insurance, you should check with your agent on how to get this type of coverage.

Be sure to keep all of your insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe-deposit box. This will help to ensure they are not damaged in the event of a flood.

Assemble a "Disaster Kit" for your family. To learn more about what items should be included, visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

Finally, prepare a family evacuation plan. Choose several places in case one or the other is also flooded or full. Places can include a family member or friend's house, hotel or shelter.



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