

Floods: Protective Measures

Southeast Louisiana is particularly susceptible to flooding. If your house repetitively or substantially floods, you may want to consider taking some sort of permanent mitigation action to reduce flooding to your structure. Protective measures can range from low cost techniques to reduce the expense of flood damage to more expensive methods to eliminate the probability of flooding. Some things to consider:

Be aware of the local flood hazard:

Maps showing flood hazard areas are on file at your local library, the City of Kenner Inspections & Code Enforcement Department or the Joseph Yenni Office Building. **Any Kenner resident who would like to see what flood zone their property is located in may visit their local library or call the City of Kenner Inspections & Code Enforcement Department at (504) 468-4062.**

Obtain & Maintain Adequate Flood Insurance:

Know your flood risk. Consult an insurance agent and obtain and maintain adequate owners/renters flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Keep storm drains clean of debris:

Debris in local storm drains can cause floodwaters to back up and inundate areas that normally do not flood. Debris is not limited to natural materials. Garbage cans, children's toys and balls, metal roofing material, lawn furniture, landscape timbers and other items have been found in drains blocking storm water and causing flooding. Kenner's Public Works Department monitors major drainage canals throughout the City to debris clear to facilitate drainage. **Residents are asked to monitor local drains around their residence and business and remove debris when it is possible to do so safely!**

- Report severely clogged street drains or repetitive roadway flooding to public works officials.
- Report suspected busted water pipes or leaking hydrants to public works officials.

**Contact Kenner Public Works Department to report drainage problems:
(504) 468-7515.**

Minimize flood losses:

- Keep concrete blocks or milk crates handy to raise furniture
- Replace carpeting with tile or other flood resistant flooring
- Elevate air conditioning compressor and condenser on blocks
- Locate electrical outlets higher up on walls to prevent water from intruding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Flood-proof your home:

There are several new flood-proofing technologies available to effectively seal floodwaters out of your house that are less expensive and less intrusive than other measures. By using a waterproof membrane to seal the lower 3' of the structure and a series of closures (also known as flood doors) to block any doors or openings, low level floods up to 3' depths can be eliminated.

Elevate your home:

Elevation of a structure is one of the most common mitigation techniques utilized to reduce the risk of flooding. An elevation done correctly places the living area above all the most severe or substantial floods. Any structure can be elevated; pier and beam construction, concrete slab, mobile home, and other type structures have been done throughout Louisiana. Although more expensive than other flood mitigation techniques, elevation offers the highest level of flood protection for your home.

LINKS TO FLOOD PROTECTION & FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Kenner Flood & Drainage Information

Jefferson Parish - Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation

GOHSEP - Flood Index

Ready.gov - Floods

FEMA Floodplain Management

FloodSmart - National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

SELA Flood Protection Authority - East

US Army Corps of Engineers - NOLA

LA Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority

FLOOD RISK MAPS, FLOOD RESEARCH & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

FEMA Risk Reduction Maps - Region VI

FEMA Flood Map Service Center (Search By Address)

Jefferson Parish Library - Flood Protection Resources

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LSU College of Agriculture (AgCenter) Flood & Hurricane Page

Center for Hazard Assessment, Response & Technology CHART | The University of New Orleans (uno.edu)

DOTD Engineering - Public Works / Water Resources - Flood Control

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