

Is Your Property In The Floodplain?

1. To View the Map

1. Click on this weblink: <http://www.msc.fema.gov/>
2. Go to the "Product Search by Address" box on the right side of the screen
3. Make sure the "Select a Product" box reads "Public Flood Map"
4. Then enter your address
5. Click the "Product Search" box.
6. Zoom in to your property

2. Local Contacts

- If you live in the Wichita city limits, call 268-4498.
- If you live in the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County, call 660-1840.
- If you live in any other city within Sedgwick County, it is recommended that you call your local city hall.

3. Flood Insurance Information - <http://www.floodsmart.gov/>

4. [Channel 7 Slideshow](#)

5. What do the different flood zones mean?

Zone A

Zone A is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) by approximate methods. Because detailed hydraulic analyses are not performed for such areas, no BFEs or depths are shown within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

Zone AE and A1-A30

Zones AE and A1-A30 are the flood insurance rate zones that correspond to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the FIS by detailed methods. In most instances, BFEs derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

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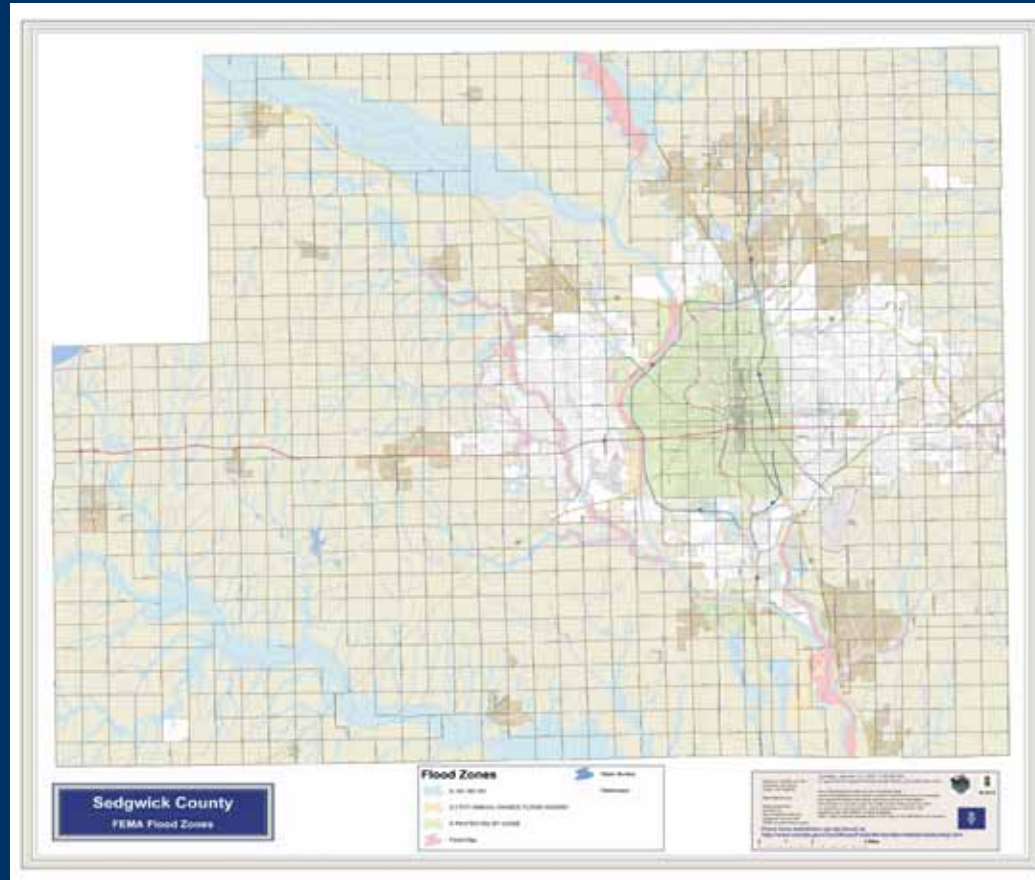
Zone AH

Zone AH is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 100-year shallow flooding with a constant water-surface elevation (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. The BFEs derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

Zone AO

Zone AO is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 100-year shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. The depth should be averaged along the cross section and then along the direction of flow to determine the extent of the zone. Average flood depths derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone. In addition, alluvial fan flood hazards are shown as Zone AO on the FIRM. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

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New FEMA Floodplain Map Changes
Could Affect Your Insurance Needs!

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Purpose of Flood Hazard Maps

- To protect lives and property by showing areas that are at risk of flooding
- For property owners to make informed decisions about how to financially protect their property
- To make determinations about where and how new structures and development should be built



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What does it mean if my property is in the 100-year Floodplain?

- There is a 1% chance of flooding any given year
- Statistics show that a home within the 100-year floodplain has a three times greater risk of flooding than the risk of fire
- Most homeowner insurance policies do not provide coverage for damage due to flooding!!!

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Who's Affected?

In the 100-year floodplain for the **FIRST TIME**:

- Approximately 1,400 properties within Wichita
- Approximately 337 properties within the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County

A total of ~12,850 properties are at risk of flooding during a 100-year flood event countywide!

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Who's Been Taken Out of the Floodplain?

- Approximately 2,618 properties within Wichita
- Total of 4,191 properties (countywide)

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At risk properties should...



1. Purchase flood insurance for both the structure and its contents
2. Contact your insurance agent to learn more about lower-cost “grandfathering” options offered to properties being mapped into higher-risk areas for the first time
3. Learn how to reduce risk to your property

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Important Resources:

www.floodsmart.gov -

To learn about flood insurance

www.wichita.gov - To review a map and to learn how to reduce risk to your property

Navigating to this site:

Go to the Hot Topics Section, Living in a Floodplain,

Click “Floodplain Management Task Force”

Then Click “Is Your Property In The Floodplain?” to view the map



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How do I find out if my property is in the Floodplain?



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