

# Things YOU can do to reduce your flood risk

- 1. Know your flood hazard.** Find out if your property is located in a flood-prone area. Go to [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: GIS). Select Floodplain-Floodprone in the “Map Layers” dropdown menu.
- 2. Insure your property for your flood hazard.** Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood damage. Renters should buy flood insurance for their contents.
- 3. Protect yourself from the hazard.** Turn around, don’t drown. Do not attempt to drive through, wade through or enter a flooded area or street.
- 4. Protect your property from the hazard.** Elevate furnances, air conditioners and other appliances above the flood level. Store valuables and important papers upstairs in a waterproof container.
- 5. Build responsibly.** Obtain a permit from Building & Safety. Don’t build or grade within 10 feet from the property line so you don’t alter the drainage between homes. Use only licensed contractors who know the rules.
- 6. Protect natural floodplain functions.** Do not put pollutants into streets or storm drains and maintain detention/retention areas in your neighborhood.

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For more information, visit:

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)  
(keyword: FLOOD)

# What does Watershed Management do for you?

- ◆ Reduces localized flooding during rainfall events by constructing flood control projects using stormwater bonds.
- ◆ Inspects construction projects for soil and erosion control to protect local waterways from contaminants.
- ◆ Offers volunteer opportunities, such as Adopt-A-Stream, where community members can actively participate in keeping our streams clean.
- ◆ Provides educational opportunities regarding water pollution prevention.
- ◆ Assists homeowners with incorporating stormwater quality projects into their landscapes through rain barrel classes and by offering cost-share programs.
- ◆ Performs stormwater monitoring to screen for evidence of pollutants or illegal dumping.
- ◆ Conducts inspections of detention/retention ponds to ensure they are performing adequately during rainfall events.
- ◆ Provides information on commons area maintenance and drainage issues.
- ◆ Participates in federal programs to provide Lincoln citizens with a discount on flood insurance premiums.

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