

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ:

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or on raised platforms.
- To avoid backflow of sewage, close all sewer and drainage backflow valves.
- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.
- Have access to filled sandbags at all times.
- Cover doors and windows with polyethylene sheets or plywood to help keep water out of your basement.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.
- Know the level of your property in relation to river flood stages. Contact the Department of Planning Services at 260-449-7607 for flood map information
- Consider purchasing flood insurance for your structure and contents. Contact your insurance agent for further information. You may view the FEMA 2009 floodplain maps online at [www.acimap.us](http://www.acimap.us). The official Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Study, and FEMA issued Letters of Map Change are available at the office of the Department of Planning Services in 200 East Berry Street, Suite 150 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or call 260-449-7607 for floodplain map information.