

Flood Protection Information

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1. Is your property in a “Flood Zone” or Special Flood Hazard Area”? To find out, call the Slidell Engineering Department at (985) 646-4270.
2. Elevation certificates are required for new structures in the floodplain or for projects of substantial improvement or damage repair. *Substantial improvement* is when the cost of the improvements or repairs meet or exceed 50 percent of the value of the existing structure. Elevation certificates are kept on file at Slidell’s Building Safety/Permits Department, 1330 Bayou Lane, Trailer 106, and copies can be obtained there. Please call (985) 646-4323 before beginning construction to get complete permitting requirements and information.
3. There are many things you can do to an existing building to minimize or eliminate the potential of flood damage. Sand, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber can be used to protect a structure temporarily. These supplies are readily available from a number of retail outlets throughout the parish. Personal items can also be elevated or moved to upper floors. Permanent flood proofing measures for flood prone structures are preferable to temporary ones. These permanent retrofitting methods include elevating the structure, building floodwalls and closures, and protecting utilities. Contact the Army Corps of Engineers, Floodplain Services Division, or Slidell’s Building Safety/Permits for assistance with floodproofing. The department also can make site visits to discuss local flood problems or floodproofing techniques by calling (985) 646-4323. You also can get information on retrofitting, flood insurance, flood protection and floodplain management at the Slidell branch of the St. Tammany Parish Library. Before proceeding with retrofitting measures or any construction and development, (i.e. filling, dredging, remodeling) check with Building Safety/Permits at (985) 646-4323 for applicable building codes, permit requirements, zoning restrictions or to report illegal development.
4. **DUMPING TRASH IN DITCHES AND OTHER DRAINAGE AREAS CAN CAUSE FLOODING AND IS ILLEGAL.** To report illegal dumping, call (985) 646-4258.