

# BE INFORMED ABOUT FLOOD & STORMWATER INFORMATION

**Flood and stormwater policies affect all property owners in The City of Fargo. We want to ensure you're able to make informed decisions for your property.**

## What are Floodplains?

Floodplains are natural riverine landscapes. Visit [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) to learn about their natural and beneficial features, including:

- Recreation
- Fish, fauna, forest and wildflower habitat
- Open space
- Buffer zones

## Flood Information

Visit [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) to learn more about:

- Elevation certificate and Letter Of Map Change (LOMC) archive
- FIRM zone (A, AE floodways) interpretation, property location
- Floodplain mapping, flood insurance and financial assistance
- Flood mitigation projects
- Historic flood photos, flood areas, depth and records
- Levee and protection level information
- Site Visits conducted for providing flooding assistance and retrograde advice

## Building in a Floodplain

Building in the special flood hazard area (a floodplain) has special requirements. For more information on building in the floodplain, please contact the Fargo Inspections Department. 701.241.1561



## CassClayAlerts

Cass Clay Alerts alerts residents about the latest information in emergency situations. Residents are encouraged to sign up for this program at [CassClayAlerts.gov](http://CassClayAlerts.gov).

## Flood Insurance

**Risk Rating 2.0** is FEMA's latest update to the National Flood Insurance Program. This update may impact flood insurance rates. Learn more about flood insurance and financial assistance at [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) or by consulting with your insurance agent.

### Please be aware:

- Some flood insurance policy holders may experience significant premium rate increases
- Others may see premium decreases

## Interactive Floodplain Map

View an interactive map to see how Red River flood levels impact the Fargo metro area at [FargoND.gov/FloodMap](http://FargoND.gov/FloodMap).



# MORE INFORMATION

## Surface Water Program

Surface water is stormwater which discharges into the Red River. Discharges are governed by Fargo's stormwater program, also known as MS4. Fargo is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittee.

Chapter 37 of the Fargo Municipal Code governs surface water runoff, including discharges from construction sites. The ordinance specifically restricts dumping anything that degrades water quality into the storm utility system. This includes grass clippings and pet waste.

Learn about the stormwater program and these topics at [FargoND.gov/Stormwater](http://FargoND.gov/Stormwater).

- Draining swimming pools
- Erosion and sediment control permitting
- Site inspection (inquiries or complaints)
- Stripped land requirements
- Storm sewer systems
- Suspected illicit discharge

## Sump Pump Program



The City of Fargo has a seasonal Sump Pump Bypass program that allows residents to discharge into the sanitary sewer from October 1 through March 31. Residents are invited to participate in the Sump Pump Program for a monthly fee of \$3.

Learn how to save time and better manage your sump pump at [FargoND.gov/SumpPump](http://FargoND.gov/SumpPump).

## Resources, Outreach, Education & Events

The City of Fargo engages and collaborates with community partners in a variety of ways to promote education and outreach regarding flood and stormwater policies, including:

- FargoOne reporting
- Homebuilders Association of Fargo-Moorhead
- Homeowner fact sheets
- LaunchPad education for employees
- Official social media channels
- Recycling education
- Red River Water Festival
- Storm drain marking program
- Stormwater Construction Conference
- Stormwater Retention Pond fact sheet
- TV/Radio/Newspaper

## Environmental Protection Agency

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees conservation, resiliency and sustainability policies related to floodplains and stormwater in the United States.

Learn more about the EPA's stormwater policies at [epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program](http://epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program).

## Learn More or Provide feedback



[FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain)

Scan the QR code with your phone or tablet's camera

## We Invite You to Contact Us

### Building in a Floodplain / Inspections

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### Sump Pump Program

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