



# Winter rains

Prepare your home and your family for the rainy season, especially if you live or work in a floodplain. Information inside.

# Do you live or work in a floodplain?

## GET INFORMED

- Find out if your home or business is in a floodplain. At **PortlandMaps.com**, enter your address. Click on “Public Safety,” then click on “FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area.”
- Check local radio and TV stations for weather and flood information.
- Find river level information at **www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc**
- Get Portland weather at **www.weather.gov/pqr**.
- Subscribe to the City’s public emergency notifications at **PublicAlerts.org**.  
On Twitter: @PublicAlerts

## STAY SAFE

- Avoid driving or walking through floodwaters. Use a stick to steady yourself if you must walk.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit—**www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/kit**.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them to **PGE at 1-800-544-1795** or **Pacific Power at 1-877-508-5088**.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

- Make an inventory of your property **before** a disaster. Keep the list safe.
- Shut off gas and electricity. Move valuables upstairs or to upper cabinets when a flood is coming.

## CHECK YOUR INSURANCE

Basic homeowners insurance doesn’t cover flood damage. If you have a mortgage and live in the 100-year floodplain, you’re probably required to carry flood insurance. Portland residents get up to a 20% discount on flood insurance because Portland participates in FEMA’s Community Rating System. Learn more at **FloodSmart.gov**.

**CONSTRUCTION** and adding or moving soil in the floodplain requires permits. Call 503-823-6892 before you build for more information. If you see construction without a city permit sign posted, call 503-823-CODE.

**Need technical assistance? If you have questions about drainage issues on your property, we can help.**

**Email [drainage.inquiries@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:drainage.inquiries@portlandoregon.gov) or call 503-823-5858.**

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