

Build Responsibly

Additional requirements are in place for houses and businesses located in the floodplain. When applying for building permits or to make changes to existing homes located in the floodplain, contact the Gaston County Department of Planning and Development Services at (704)866-3195 to ensure structures are built in compliance with the County Floodplain Ordinance.



We Protect Floodplains, Floodplains Protect Us

Land area adjacent to rivers and creeks left in an undisturbed state allows for storage of flood waters and time for flood water to safely recede. Smaller creeks and drainage ways need to be maintained so clogging of drainage ways does not occur. Do not dump grass clippings, leaves or other debris into drainage ways. Please



do your part to help keep our water and waterways clean.

Upon request, the Gaston County Floodplain Administrator can perform site visits and provide floodplain information, including floodway and depth of flooding data, available elevation certificates, wetland data, and flood insurance rate maps.

To learn more about flood insurance, visit:
www.FloodSmart.gov

For National Flood Insurance Program information NC Floodplain Mapping Program: www.ncfloodmaps.com

Gaston County Interactive GIS: www.gis.gastongov.com



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Floodplain Information

A Citizen's Guide

Gaston County

has many miles of creeks and rivers. Our water resources are one of our most valuable environmental assets. However, properties along creeks can sometime be subject to flooding. According to the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency, flooding is one of the most common natural disasters affecting Carolinians.

How can you find out if your house is located in the floodplain?

It is important to understand whether your property is located within the limits of the regulated floodplain. To determine if your home or business is located in a floodplain:

- Visit <http://gis.gastongov.com/>
- Use the search option to locate your property; use the Toggle Layers to add additional map layers; and open the natural map layer to access the floodway and special flood hazard areas
- If you should need assistance or have additional questions, please call (704)866-3907.



Purchase Flood Insurance

Did you know that most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage? Because Gaston County participates in the [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#), supplemental flood policies can be purchased. If you need to purchase flood insurance to protect your home and belongings, contact your insurance agent. Referrals to knowledgeable agents in our area are also available at:

www.floodsmart.gov



Turn Around, Don't Drown!



Drowning is the number-one cause of flood deaths. Water currents can be deceptive and shallow waters can easily sweep a person off their feet. Do not drive on flooded roads and do not drive around road barriers. A few inches of flowing water can cause a vehicle to be washed off a road. If you encounter a closed road during a flooding or rain event, "Turn Around, Don't Drown!".



Prepare for a Flood

Determine an emergency meeting location for you and your family in the event of a flood. Store important documents in a waterproof and fire-resistant container. Elevate the furnace, water heater and air conditioning units above the floodplain.

