



BRICK RESIDENTS: KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

Your home may be flooded someday. Super Storm Sandy was a historic flood that flooded more than one third of the homes in the Township; but it wasn't the first time we flooded and it won't be the last. We have seen historic flooding in the past from hurricanes such as Donna in 1960, Gloria in 1985, Floyd in 1998, Irene in 2011, the Halloween storm of 1991 and multiple coastal Nor'easters, and countless new moon and full moon high tide floods. Most properties within the 100 year and 500 year floodplains were flooded to some extent during Super Storm Sandy. You can review the inundation maps to identify the areas of the town flooded during Sandy. **Find out if your property is in the regulated floodplain by calling the Township's floodplain management office at 732-262-1030 or see our Flood Home Page for available information and flood mapping at <http://www.bricktownship.net/flood-plain-management>.**

Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property from flooding:

- ☞ **Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would benefit you and your family.** Even if you're not in the mapped 100 year floodplain and are not required to have flood insurance, you may be subject to flooding from local drainage or major storm events. In either case, flood insurance can be a good investment because most standard homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damage caused by surface water flooding. If your property is in a regulated flood hazard area and you apply for a mortgage from a federally backed lending institution, then flood insurance is mandatory. In addition to flood insurance that will cover the rebuilding of a storm damaged home, ask your agent about contents insurance to cover the replacement of your belongings.

Did you know Brick has more waterfront miles (56) than any other town in New Jersey?

- ☞ **Do not walk or drive through flood waters.** Currents are deceptive – six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out. Turn around and return home or seek shelter in a safe location until the flooding subsides or evacuation assistance arrives. Know your evacuation route before a storm arrives.



- ☞ **Talk to the Township's Building and Engineering Divisions about protecting your house or business from flooding.** There are ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage. Where flooding is shallow, measures such as small floodwalls, re-grading the yard, installing flood openings in foundation walls and floodproofing the walls or utilities can be relatively inexpensive. Where flood depths are deep, a building may need to be elevated above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Find out more by calling the Township's floodplain management office at **732-262-1030** or see our Flood Information Home Page at www.twp.brick.nj.us.

- ☞ **Check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade or fill your property.** Call 732-262-1030 first. A permit may be needed which will ensure that your project will be completed in a manner that is compliant with all regulations. These regulations are designed to protect your property from flood damage and to make sure you don't cause drainage or flooding problems for your neighbors.

- ☞ **Don't pour oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants down storm drains or into the ditches and streams.** Our streams and wetlands help moderate flooding and are habitat for fish, frogs, and other species that provide us with recreation or food. Let's protect them and their homes. Limit the use of lawn fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides which pollute our streams, rivers and the Barnegat Bay. Collect rain water from down spouts in drainage pits and rain gardens to encourage ground water infiltration to recharge our aquifers.

