

Borough of Woodland Park

5 Brophy Lane, Woodland Park, NJ 07424



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Property Owners:

This sheet applies to property owners **in or near** a Repetitive Loss Area (see [Map 1](#) and [Map 2](#)). It **does not imply** that all properties in shaded areas on the maps are Repetitive Loss (RL) properties. An RL property is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a home or business that has received claim payments from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) of more than \$1,000 twice or more times within any rolling 10-year period.

1. Repetitive Loss Area No. 1: a 187-acre repetitive loss area in the 100-year floodplain. The area floods as it includes the Passaic River, Peckman River and Dowling Brook. The area contains 75 RL properties.
2. Repetitive Loss Area No. 2: a 20-acre repetitive loss area in the 100-year floodplain. The area floods from overbank flows from the Passaic River. The area contains 26 RL properties.

The Borough of Woodland Park is concerned about repetitive flooding and has an active program to help property owners protect their property from future flooding. The Borough is diligently maintaining the existing stormwater system with our Department of Public Works, improving the capacity of the system where possible, pursuing state and Federal assistance, and working with FEMA to improve floodplain mapping.

In the interim, here are some things the property owner can do:

1. Check with the Construction Official, Allan Burghardt, at 973-345-8100 ext. 103 on the extent of past flooding. The Department of Inspections/Code Enforcement can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, what the Borough is doing about it, and what could be an appropriate flood protection level. Staff can visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives.
2. Prepare for flooding by doing the following:
 - a. Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to the house when a flood comes.
 - b. Make a household inventory, especially of basement contents.
 - c. Put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc. in a waterproof container.
 - d. Collect and put cleaning supplies, camera, waterproof boots, etc. in a handy place.
 - e. Make sure all flood vents, if installed on the basement or crawlspace wall(s), are functional and not obstructed.
 - f. Develop a disaster response plan. A Family Emergency Plan may be prepared online at <http://www.ready.gov>. Include a discussion with any children in the home about the dangers of flood waters and utilities during a natural disaster.

