

COUNTY of YOLO

Department of Community Services

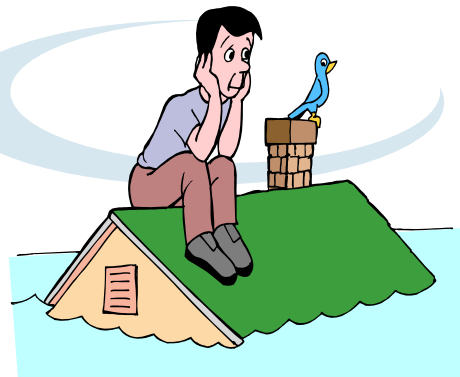
Is my property in a floodway or floodplain?

There are several resources available in order to determine whether or not a property is located in a floodplain or floodway.

1. Flood maps are available for viewing at the Department of Community Services located at 292 W. Beamer Street Woodland, California 95695.
2. Call the Building Division to determine whether or not a property is located in a floodway or floodplain at (530)666-8037.
3. Visit the FEMA Map Service Center website (<http://msc.fema.gov/portal>) to view the FIRM Maps for Yolo County.

Additional resources?

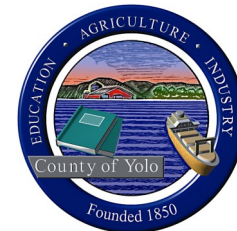
1. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - www.fema.gov
2. State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) - www.water.ca.gov/



Floodplain Management Program

Floodways Vs. Floodplain

A quick guide to floodplains and floodways



For additional information, please contact us at:

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What is a floodway?

The channel of a river or stream and the parts of the floodplain adjoining the channel that are reasonably required to efficiently carry and discharge the flood water or flood flow of a river or stream.

What is a floodplain?

The area adjoining a river or stream that has been or may be covered by the 100-year flood.

Six categories of floodplains can be found in Yolo County, they are Zones A, AE, AH, AO, D and X.

What is the flood fringe?

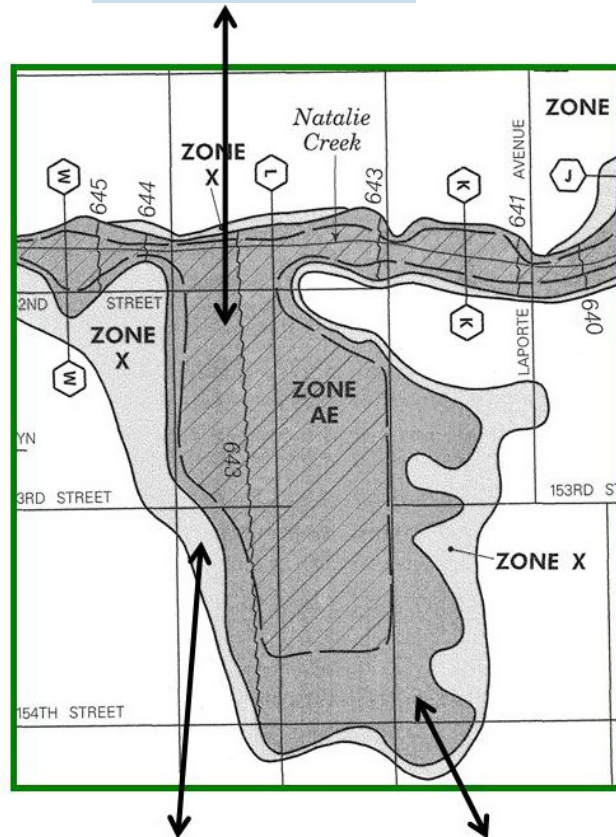
The fringe is the remainder of the floodplain lying outside of the floodway.

What is a 100-year flood?

The term 100-year flood does not refer to a flood that will occur once every 100 years. A 100-year flood has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

How to identify a floodway or a floodplain on a FIRM Map?

FIRM maps represent floodway areas with hatch marks.



FIRM maps represent flood fringe areas located outside the 100-year floodplains with a light shading (zone X)

FIRM maps represent flood fringe areas located in the 100-year floodplains with a dark shading (zones A & AE).

What are the different flood hazard zones?

Six different zones can be found throughout Yolo County.

- **Zone A** is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study. No Base Flood Elevations or depths are determined. Mandatory Flood Insurance purchase requirements apply.
- **Zone AE** is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study; Base Flood Elevations determined. Flood Insurance purchase requirements apply.
- **Zone AH** is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study. Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.
- **Zone AO** is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study. Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) are available within the zone.
- **Zone D** is areas in which Flood Hazards are undetermined, but possible.
- **Zone X** is a flood insurance rate zone that correspond to areas outside the 100-year floodplains. No Base Flood Elevations or depth are determined.