

Final Preliminary Flood Maps for Portions of Dallas County, Texas are Ready for Public View

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DENTON, Texas – Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for review by residents and business owners in cities of Balch Springs, Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Cockrell Hill, Combine, Coppell, Dallas, Desoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Hutchins, Irving, Lancaster, Lewisville, Mesquite, Ovilla, Richardson, Seagoville, University Park, Wilmer; Towns of Addison, Highland Park, Sunnyvale; and unincorporated areas of Dallas County, Texas. Officials encourage property owners to review the latest information to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements.

For this Physical Map Revision, FIRMs for Dallas County serve multiple purposes, including defining Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and setting rates for flood insurance. SFHAs are areas at high risk for flooding. Communities and residents can use the information to make informed decisions about building, development, and flood insurance.

FEMA stresses that flooding can and does happen outside of the most vulnerable areas.

“Flooding is not restricted to coastal communities; where it can rain, it can flood,” said FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Robinson. “More than 25 percent of flood damages occur outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, yet most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover the effects of flooding. Obtaining flood insurance is one of the smartest ways for individuals or businesses to protect themselves.”

Preliminary FIRMs may be viewed online at the following locations:

- The Flood Map Change Viewer at <http://msc.fema.gov/fmcbv>
- The FEMA Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal>



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For more information about the flood maps:

- Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (click on the “Live Chat” icon).
- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist by telephone at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcdfs.com.

Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover floods. There are cost-saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent or visiting <https://www.floodsmart.gov>.

