

Checklist to rebuild smarter, stronger and safer after Sandy

(simple steps to follow for my hazard planning)

Know my Risk. Review local flood maps to understand my property's flood risk.

Develop a Plan. Activities to protect my property and reduce the impact of flooding. Things to consider:

- Elevate our home above the floodwaters.
- Elevate electrical and heating systems.
- Install exterior floodwalls to protect window wells or stairs against low-level flooding.
- Install a backflow valve in the sewer line.

Finalize my Plan. Contact my local building official before rebuilding/renovating /retrofitting. Make sure my plans meet local and state government requirements. Get proper permits.

Be Smart When I Start. Use reliable, licensed contractors. Get a written estimate. Check references. Pay by check.

Get Insurance. National Flood Insurance Program – helps cover costly losses associated with flooding. Visit www.floodsmart.gov.

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