

FLOOD SAFETY

- ◆ Do Not walk through flowing water
- ◆ Do Not drive through flooded areas
- ◆ Stay away from power lines and electrical wires
- ◆ Have your electricity turned off by the Power Co
- ◆ Look out for animals
- ◆ Look before you step
- ◆ Be alert for gas leaks
- ◆ Do Not dump anything in ditches or moving bodies of water

Insured's Responsibilities

Give a written notice of loss to the NFIP or the applicable WYO Company, as soon as practical, using the NFIP Notice of Loss form. Contact the Medina County Emergency Management Agency for information regarding this form. Once the form has been attained, you need to provide evidence and documentation to substantiate the loss as required, and file a Proof of Loss within 60 days of the loss, unless it has been waived by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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Management Agency
555 Independence Dr
Medina, Ohio 44256**

**Medina County Engineer's Office
791 W Smith Rd
Medina, Ohio 44256
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**Protecting your
Home from Floods**

RESIDENTIAL FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION



**Medina County Emergency
Management Agency**

Medina County Engineer's Office

Flooding in your community

Flooding in Medina County is caused by three main factors: the one-hundred year flood plain, improper drainage, and flash and urban flooding. One hundred year floodplains are areas affected by a major flood once every one hundred years. One hundred year floodplains are located within the cities of Brunswick, Medina, Wadsworth, and the Villages of Chippewa Lake, Gloria Glens, Lodi, and Seville. Improper drainage is caused by a lack of drainage systems or by old drainage systems installed and not brought up to date. These problems prevent runoff water from properly leaving these communities, which then causes flooding during heavy rainstorms or winter thawing. Finally, flash floods occur when slow moving thunderstorms or multiple storms dump large amounts of rain in the same area in a short period of time, causing the excess water not absorbed by the soils to flow very rapidly.

Medina County Flood Services

The Medina County Library, located at 210 South Broadway Street in Medina has flood maps and flood protection information. You may also call the Medina County Engineer's Office (330)723-9561 for information about flooding and flood protection. If requested, the Engineer's Department will send someone to visit your property to evaluate flooding problems and offer preventative measures to reduce the risk of flooding. These services are free. In addition, the Medina County EMA may also be able to give you some information about your property and specific ways to mitigate against flooding. Both agencies information is on the back of this pamphlet.

Flood Insurance

Medina County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a program to help reduce the escalating costs of repair, allows the home/property owner to purchase a separate flood insurance policy. The NFIP is backed by the Federal Government and is available to everyone. The website www.floodsmart.gov will give you information about insurance, the NFIP, whether you are at high risk for floods, and how to prepare your home for such events. In addition, you can find more information about financial assistance at www.fema.gov. Currently, the Medina County Emergency Management Agency has completed a project that currently gives those in the NFIP program a 10% discount on their flood insurance premiums. Just a reminder, homeowner's insurance policies usually do not cover flood damage. Also, when getting flood insurance, make sure it covers both the contents and the structure.

Flood Proofing

There are several ways to protect structures from flood damage. You could elevate the home or structure above the flood level. There is also floodwalls and levees which are freestanding structures built away from the building to prevent encroachment. Obviously, there are many other ways, the best of all is to relocate the structure. To find out more you can go to the Army Corps of Engineers web site at www.usace.army.mil. There are many good publications right on-line. You may also contact the Emergency Management Agency or the Engineering Department.