



Your property is subject to flooding – get prepared!

Here's what you can do:

- **Know your hazard.** Determine your flood zone, download the flood safety brochure, and email questions on the Planning Department Flood Information page:
<http://www.sccoplanning.com/PlanningHome/Environmental/FloodInformation.aspx>
- **Get flood insurance.** Take the One-Step Flood Risk Profile and find an agent at
<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>
- **Prepare for flooding.** Find sandbag locations at <http://www.dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Portals/19/pdfs/Roads/SAND%20AND%20SANDBAG%20LOCATIONS.pdf>
- If flooding occurs, **turn around**, don't drown
- **Maintain** riparian vegetation to prevent erosion, which can worsen flood hazards
- **Don't dump** in the storm drains - they drain to the Monterey Bay
- Before you build, grade or alter structures on your property, **contact the Permit Center** to determine permit requirements:
<http://www.sccoplanning.com/PlanningHome/PlanningDepartmentLocationandHours.aspx>
- Consider **elevating or relocating** your HVAC equipment, water heater, and electrical service panel to protect against flood damage and reduce your flood insurance premium

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