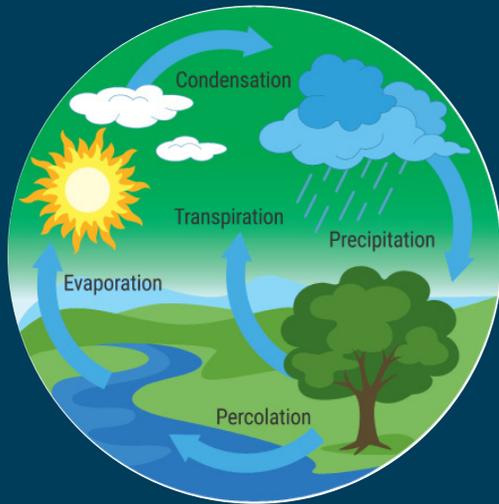


# HOBBS FLOOD AWARENESS

## NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

In their natural state, floodplains are lower lying areas that provide flood storage and conveyance. It is important to preserve or return the floodplain to the natural state.



THE WATER CYCLE

## FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue severe weather alerts to their social media sites and website. Local warning system sirens will sound in the event of a flood.

Follow us on the City of Hobbs Facebook page for more updates and information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1 The Engineering Department can help you determine if your property or a property you would like to purchase is in the floodplain.
- 2 The Hobbs GIS web map with the floodplain is available online at: [hobbsnmgis.com/publicmap/](http://hobbsnmgis.com/publicmap/)
- 3 If a property has an elevation certificate on file, a copy may be obtained from the Engineering Department or on the Engineering website.
- 4 The Engineering Department can provide information on flood proofing techniques and provide site visits for specific properties.
- 5 Services are available to the public, homeowners, realtors, mortgage companies, appraisers, and insurance agents.
- 6 Visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for more info.
- 7 Follow the City of Hobbs on Facebook for further flood information and updates.

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## FLOOD HAZARD BROCHURE

This brochure will help you to learn more about your flood hazards, flood insurance, protecting property and people from hazards, building responsibly, and protecting natural floodplain functions.

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# LOCAL FLOOD HAZARDS

Local flood hazards can be obvious or what you wouldn't expect. It's important to stay alert during severe storms as seemingly stationary objects can become airborne or be ripped from their location.



Major floods have occurred in Hobbs on several occasions. In 2019, rainfall ranging from 3"-5" in a one-hour period caused significant damage to roads, vehicles, buildings, and infrastructure.



Storms that produce flooding in the Hobbs area generally occur in the month from May - October.

Intense storms that cause this kind of damage are generally severe thunderstorms which follow long dry periods.

Flooding that does occur is often sheet flow with depths of 1'-3'.



## FLOOD INSURANCE



Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.



Flood insurance is required if a home located in an SFHA has a federally backed mortgage. However, flood insurance may be purchased by any homeowner in Hobbs.



Check with your local insurance provider for information regarding flood insurance for your home and contents.

## FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The Hobbs Floodplain Management Ordinance regulates development in floodplains to minimize flood losses.

Contact Building Inspections for a permit and the Engineering Department for guidance if work is to be performed in a flood hazard area.

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

Any structure located in a floodplain that is being reconstructed, added onto, or restored from damage, for which the cost exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure, must meet the current floodplain development regulations.

## DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Residents can help our storm drainage system work efficiently by not dumping or depositing materials into any street, alley, park, etc. (Ordinance 8.36.130)

Please contact the Engineering Department at City Hall immediately if you witness illegal dumping or depositing.

Remember, the property you flood may be your own.

## FLOOD SAFETY

01

### Electricity

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.



02

### Gas

Stay alert for gas leaks.



03

### Walking

Do not walk through flowing water.



04

### Driving

Do not drive through a flooded area.



## THERE IS A 30-DAY WAITING PERIOD ON NEW FLOOD INSURANCE POLICIES.

### PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

Consider retrofitting measures to protect your existing building from flooding.

FEMA Publication 312 *Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your Home from Flooding* ([www.fema.gov/library](http://www.fema.gov/library))

Check out [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods) for additional information on how to be prepared and stay safe during a flood event.