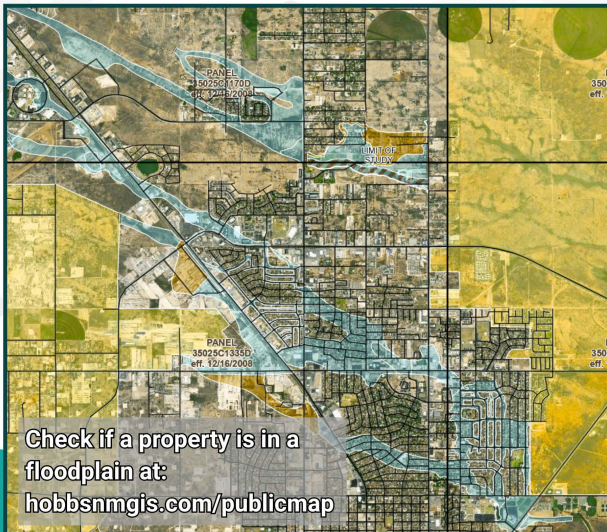


# HOBBS FLOOD AWARENESS

## Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains help absorb and move stormwater, reducing the risk of flooding. Protecting these areas, or restoring them to their natural state, helps improve water quality, reduce erosion, and support local ecosystems.

Floodplains are natural pathways for stormwater to flow through our community – including developed neighborhoods. Understanding where they are helps reduce flood risk and guide responsible building.



## STAY INFORMED

The National Weather Service (NWS) shares flood watches and warnings on their website and social media channels. In the event of a flood, local warning sirens may be activated.

For real-time updates, road closures, and emergency info, follow the City of Hobbs on Facebook and Instagram.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Elevation certificates (if available) can be requested from the Engineering Department or downloaded from the Engineering website
- Upon request, the City of Hobbs Engineering Department offers on-site flood protection assistance, including floodproofing tips and elevation certificate guidance.
- Services available to: Homeowners, Buyers, Realtors, Mortgage companies, Appraisers, Insurance agents
- Visit [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) for national flood resources
- Follow City of Hobbs on Facebook for local updates and flood information
- Flood Map inquiry and information can be found at [hobbsnm.org/floodinfo.html](https://hobbsnm.org/floodinfo.html)



## CONTACT US

- City of Hobbs Engineering Dept.
- 200 E. Broadway St. Hobbs, NM
- (575) 397-9232
- [hobbsnm.org/engineering](https://hobbsnm.org/engineering)



# FLOOD HAZARD

**Learn more about flood hazards, flood insurance, building responsibly, protecting natural floodplain functions, and protecting people and property from hazards.**



# LOCAL FLOOD HAZARDS

**Flood risks aren't always visible.** Flooding can happen outside mapped zones and during any severe storm. Fast-moving water can displace vehicles, equipment, and debris. Stay alert and follow local warnings.

**Flooding can happen even without nearby rivers or lakes.**

In Hobbs, heavy rainfall can quickly overwhelm drainage systems, leading to unexpected flash flooding.

**Flooding in Hobbs typically occurs between May and October.**

After dry periods, heavy thunderstorms can overwhelm drainage systems and cause shallow, fast-moving water – sometimes reaching 1 to 3 feet deep.

# FLOOD INSURANCE



Most home-owners insurance will not cover flood damage.



Flood insurance is required if a home is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and has a federally backed mortgage. However, flood insurance can be purchased by any homeowner in Hobbs.



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

## FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT RULES

To reduce flood risks, development in Hobbs floodplains is regulated by the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

If you are planning construction or improvements in a flood-prone area, contact Building Safety and Permitting for permit requirements and Engineering for guidance.

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OR DAMAGE

If a structure in a floodplain is rebuilt, added onto, or repaired after damage, and the cost exceeds 50% of the structure's market value, it must meet current floodplain regulations.

## STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE

Help prevent neighborhood flooding:

- Don't dump or deposit materials into streets, alleys, parks, or storm drains
- If you see illegal dumping, contact Code Enforcement at (575) 391-4178 immediately.

## FLOOD SAFETY

### ELECTRICITY



Avoid downed power lines and electrical wire – they can cause electrocution.

### GAS



If you smell gas or hear a hissing noise, leave the area and report it immediately.

### WALKING



Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down. Never walk through floodwaters.

### DRIVING



Turn around, don't drown! Never drive through flooded roads. Even shallow water can sweep a car away.

## 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))

**Even one blocked drain can cause flooding.**

And sometimes... the property affected may be your own.

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