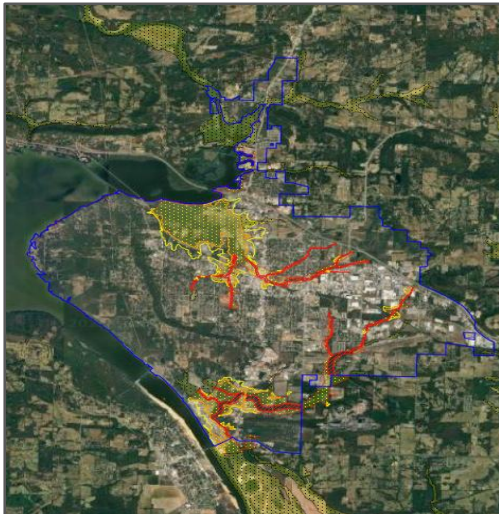


STAY SAFE!

FAILING TO EVACUATE FLOODED AREAS, ENTERING FLOOD WATERS, OR REMAINING AFTER A FLOOD HAS PASSED CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Determine your best protection based on the type of flooding in your area.



Elevate above the flood level required by your community.

Just 1 inch of water can cause \$25,000 of damage to your home.

GET FLOOD INSURANCE



FEMA



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM



BE AWARE AND PREPARE

Go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) and search for flood.

Download the FEMA app for more information on flood preparedness.

Find Emergency Safety Tips under Prepare.

For more information on determining if you are in a flood zone or floodplain area contact:

The City of Russellville Public Works Department at 479.968.2406

Certified Floodplain Manager
Ben Gray



BE PREPARED FOR A FLOOD



- ✓ PREPARE NOW
- ✓ SURVIVE DURING
- ✓ BE SAFE AFTER

Flooding can occur during any season of the year

PREPAREDNESS KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARDS:

Before you build:

For more information about your property's flood zone, projected flood depth during storm events, flooding history, and proximity to wetlands, please contact the City's Certified Floodplain Manager. A site visit is required prior to providing personalized advice and one-on-one guidance regarding property protection measures, such as retrofitting or drainage improvements.

*For permitting requirements see Fire Building & Safety & Public Works.

*Individuals who illegally fill, dump, or excavate land or drainage ways are subject to penalties.

• Do I have an evacuation plan?

Have an emergency contact and an emergency safety kit readily available for a time of crisis.

• Do I have adequate flood insurance?

Homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. There is typically a **30 day waiting period** for new flood insurance policies to take effect.

• Are my ditches clean and free of debris?

Be proactive, keep drains and gutters free and clear from all debris. It is illegal to impede the flow of water in ditches and storm drains. On private systems install check valves and consider a sump pump with a battery.

• Are my important papers and valuables secure?

Store important items in waterproof containers and in an elevated area.

• Are my pets properly tagged with identification?

Putting your pets ID tags on before a storm and having leashes or pet taxis ready can save valuable time.

Get flood coverage under the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** For more information about the NFIP flood insurance, and ICC, contact your insurance carrier or visit www.FloodSmart.gov

BUILD RESPONSIBLY

SURVIVING THE STORM TAKE ACTION!

- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather radio or local news station.
- Evacuate if told to do so.
- Never drive around barricades.
- Do not walk or swim or drive through flood waters, 6 inches of fast moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges and overpasses, bridges can wash away without warning!
- If trapped in building go to highest level avoiding closed areas like the attic.
- Unleash outside pets and open gates.
- If trapped in your vehicle, try and seek refuge on roof. If you can, call **911**.



TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN!

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE STORM

- Stay where you are and listen to authorities for information and instructions.
- Avoid driving, except in emergencies!
- Be aware of potential wild animals that may have flooded into your home.
- Avoid wading in floodwater, there are risks of unseen debris, sewer overflow, and electrical currents.
- Use generators and gas powered machinery only, and stay away from windows.
- Be aware of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment in or near water. If safe, turn off electrical breakers.
- If it is safe, check on your neighbors and pets.
- Wear heavy gloves and boots during cleanup.

Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage Reduces Future Flood Damages.

* Check with your insurance carrier to determine if you are able to receive a partial payment to help with the initial mitigation activity loss.



WORK TOGETHER