

Understanding the Special Flood Hazard Area

What is the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

An area having special flood, mudflow, or flood-related erosion hazards, shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). About 50% of Alamogordo is within the SFHA.

Building in the SFHA

For all new construction in Alamogordo, developers must go through the Planning & Zoning department before proceeding to Construction Industries Division at the state level. A Flood Map Information Request is required for all new construction. With the information from the Flood Map Information Request Form, the city will provide the beginnings of an Elevation Certificate which will include the Base Flood Elevation. All new construction in the SFHA must be built at or above the BFE provided for that specific property. Once construction is complete, a licensed surveyor must complete the Elevation Certificate started by the city, showing the new building was built at or above the BFE.

Protecting Yourself

You never know the depth or threat of water. If a road is flooded, turn around, don't drown.

Protecting your property

Take precautions to protect your property from flooding. Make sure mechanical equipment is elevated above the BFE and keep important documents in an elevated location.

Homeowners and renters in the SFHA should purchase flood insurance to help protect their assets in case of a flood.

Protecting the Floodplain

The City of Alamogordo has manmade flood channels as well as natural arroyos that carry floodwaters through our community. It is imperative to keep these flood channels clear to not disrupt the flow of water. This means no dumping waste in our flood channels and arroyos.

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