

## PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS

*It is important to understand and protect our natural floodplains. This action helps reduce flood damage and protect resources. When flooding spreads out across the floodplain, its energy is dissipated, which results in lower floods downstream, reduced erosion of the stream bank and channel, deposition of sediments higher in the watershed and improved groundwater recharge.*

### **PROTECT YOUR FLOODPLAINS.**

- *Sec. 50-73 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances state that it is illegal to dump. Dumping in storm drains are illegal..*
- *Protect and preserve water resources by preventing harmful pollutants from being washed into local water bodies.*



## PREPARE A PERSONAL DISASTER KIT

- Prescription Drugs
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Clothing
- Hygiene Items
- Radio/Batteries
- Water
- Non-Perishable Food
- Important Papers

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## OTHER RESOURCES

FEMA.gov  
FloodSmart.gov  
Camden County Health Dept. - smchd.org  
Emergency Management -  
co.camden.ga.us/81/Emergency-Management



FEMA



## GUIDE TO FLOOD HAZARDS: HOW TO STAY SAFE

*CAMDEN COUNTY & CITY OF ST. MARYS  
JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE*

National Flood Insurance Program  
Community Rating System



## KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

Due to its low-lying coastal location, Camden County is subject to rising seas and flooding from surrounding rivers. Being a coastal community, the county also floods from hurricanes. Hurricane winds produce storm surges, tornadoes, and inland flooding. Be informed of your flood zone, potential risk of flooding and the hazards associated with it. Know the flood zone before you buy a property.

- Contact your local Floodplain Manager to discover what flood zone you are in.
- Request the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for your neighborhood
- Obtain a Flood Zone Determination letter
- Learn what evacuation route you should use.

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## INSURE YOUR PROPERTY FOR FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance isn't just for individuals who own or rent properties located within a floodplain. Everyone should purchase flood insurance. Standard homeowner or commercial policies do not cover damage to structures or contents caused by flooding. You don't have to hold a mortgage in order to purchase flood insurance. If you already have a flood insurance policy, make sure you also carry contents coverage. Renters should purchase flood insurance for their contents. To purchase flood insurance, call a local licensed insurance agent.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM THE HAZARD

When building a new structure in a Special Flood Hazard Area in Camden County or St. Marys, you will be required to elevate your property above the base flood elevation. Older properties should retrofit or elevate your home to reduce future drainage problems and flood damage.



## PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE HAZARD

Have an emergency plan established in advance to keep your family safe. Designate a place where your family can meet after an evacuation order is issued. Stay clear of standing water, it may be deeper than you think. Do not drive or walk through a flooded area, turn around, don't drown. Remember to drive safely using designated evacuation routes. Stay away from dangling power lines and electrical wires. After a flood, follow proper safety precautions before using your food, water supply and septic tank.



## BUILD RESPONSIBLY

Get a permit before you build, retrofit or repair your home, or place fill on your property. Know the rules of substantial damage or improvement. Follow Ordinance & Building Code requirements for construction. Use appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures at construction.