



Flood Control District of Maricopa County

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Subject: Flood Hazard – Flood Insurance Rate MAP (FIRM) Information and Elevation Certificates

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) provides information regarding Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), flood hazards, flood insurance and floodplain management within Maricopa County. The District can determine if a parcel or building is located within the boundaries of a delineated 100-year floodplain, the flood risk of the parcel and surrounding area and if flood insurance is required. There is no charge for this service.

The District can provide flood hazard information and elevation certificates for the unincorporated areas of Maricopa County and the 14 incorporated communities listed below:

Town of Buckeye	Town of Carefree	Town of Cave Creek	City of Chandler
City of El Mirage	Town of Gila Bend	Town of Guadalupe	Town of Litchfield Park
City of Mesa	Town of Queen Creek	City of Surprise	City of Tolleson
Town of Wickenburg	Town of Youngtown		

Information requests about a specific parcel may be submitted using the District's Flood Hazard form online, emailed to FCDFIRMinfo@maricopa.gov or faxed to (602) 372-6232. The form can be found on the District's website home page by clicking on "Am I in a Floodplain?"

The District also has elevation certificates on file for structures constructed or placed in a floodplain, in unincorporated Maricopa County, after 1986. These elevation certificates are needed to properly rate a structure for flood insurance purposes. Copies of these elevation certificates are also available on the District's web site. The specific web address for the interactive Elevation Certificate Map is <http://gis.maricopa.gov/FloodplainViewer/>. This map also depicts the delineated 100-year floodplains within Maricopa County.

The District is able to provide more information about flood hazards by telephone (602-506-2419), fax (602-372-6232) or by email (FCDFIRMinfo@maricopa.gov). All of this information can also be found on the District's website at www.maricopa.gov/floodcontrol.

Unincorporated Maricopa County is currently rated a Class 4 community in the CRS program. This means there is a 30 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for most structures located in delineated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Policies for structures located outside the SFHA are eligible for up to a 10% discount.

Examples of information that the District can provide include:

- Basic FIRM information needed to accurately write a flood insurance policy
 - Whether or not the property is in an SFHA
 - What zone (or zones) it is in
 - Community ID number
 - The panel number and suffix
 - Date of FIRM's index
 - The base flood elevation (if provided on FIRM)
 - The elevation datum being used
 - Elevation Certificate (if available)
- Additional FIRM information
 - If the property is located in a floodway
 - Regulatory requirements
- Other flood problems not shown on a FIRM
 - Areas outside the SFHA that are mapped and regulated as a floodplain
 - Local drainage problems (where reported or they have been identified)
 - Areas that could be flooded in the rare event that a levee or dam should fail
- Flood depth data
 - Flood elevation or depth
 - Topographic data such as ground elevation
 - Information from elevation certificates
- Special flood-related hazards (where applicable)
 - Alluvial fans
 - Moveable bed streams, erosion prone areas
 - Land subsidence
 - Additional regulatory requirements
- Historical Flood Information
 - Past rainfall amounts
 - Past flooding events
 - Identified repetitive loss areas
 - Photographs of past flooding
- Natural Floodplain Functions (where information is available)

The following communities should to be contacted directly for information regarding their jurisdictions:

City of Avondale	(623) 333-1000	Town of Paradise Valley	(480) 348-3693
Town of Fountain Hills	(480) 816-5100	City of Peoria	(623) 772-7000
Town of Gilbert	(480) 503-6815	City of Phoenix	(602) 262-4960
City of Glendale	(623) 930-3656	City of Scottsdale	(480) 312-2356
City of Goodyear	(623) 882-7979	City of Tempe	(480) 350-4311

If you have questions about floodplain management, elevation certificates or flood hazards in Unincorporated Maricopa County or a District-dependent community, please call (602) 506-2419.