Get a permit before you repair or build in a floodplain

MSD is responsible for permitting and inspecting all new construction including repairs and improvements to existing structures in the floodplain, according to the Louisville Metro Floodplain Ordinance.

To apply for a floodplain permit:

- Download the Application for Permit to Develop/ Repair in a Floodplain, visit http://www.msdlouky.org/insidemsd/pdfs/apppermit.pdf
- For repairs or improvements to an existing structure, provide an itemized estimate of material and labor costs of the repairs or improvements to be made, including demolition costs—even if this work is to be done by the homeowner or a volunteer. It is not required to include cleanup costs in the estimate.
- Provide building value—PVA data or owner provided appraisal
- Submit the application in person Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, or by email
- In person, bring the items listed above to: MSD 700 W Liberty Street Louisville, KY 40203
- Or email the items to lori.rafferty@louisvillemsd.org

For questions concerning floodplain permitting, call John Selch at 502-540-6439.





Safely cleaning up after a flood

Take photographs of the damage before cleanup. Residents are encouraged to begin cleanup as soon as possible, floodplain permits are not required before cleanup begins.

Flood cleanup safety tips:

- Do not walk into a flooded basement because of the risk of electrocution. Turn off gas, water and electricity—if you can without wading into water.
- Check news outlets for the safety of the local water supply.
- Consume bottled drinking water.
- Discard any food, medicine or cosmetics that may have come into contact with floodwaters.
- Floodwaters can carry chemicals and germs that could be harmful to your health.
- Protect yourself during cleanup by wearing boots, gloves and masks. Clean and disinfect everything that may have come in contact with floodwater.
- Open all doors and windows to circulate air and dry out your home. Dehumidify as soon as possible.















