

# Understanding your flood risk and flood data



Flood risk can vary significantly depending on where you live. Some areas may be affected by riverine flooding, others by creek flooding, stormwater runoff, or overland flow.

Understanding the types of flooding that could impact your property is the first step toward making it more flood resilient.

The Queensland Government and your local council provide a range of information to help you identify and understand flood risk. These include flood maps, historical data, and planning advice.

Your local council is also a key point of contact for learning about the specific types of flooding in your area and any planning or building requirements that may apply.

Before beginning any building, renovation, or flood-resilience work, it's essential to check with your local council to see what flood information is available and whether any approvals or conditions apply.

## What you need to know about flood risk

There are a few things you should be aware of when it comes to flood water and your property. These include:

- » Types of flooding that may affect your property.
- » Potential flood levels and flood depths to help you decide how high to build resilience to.
- » How likely it is that your property could flood and what areas of your property are at risk.
- » Planning and building requirements.

It is good to understand the ground and floor levels of your property. Talk to your builder or seek advice from an engineer or architect.

Understanding your flood risk will also help you to understand how to prepare and respond when flooding or severe weather is forecast.



## Before raising your home

It is important to understand that each local council is different, and flood data may change over time.

Before raising your home, consult with your local council to obtain the latest flood data for your property and check if your property can be raised.

You may need planning and/or building approval or other permits to raise your home.

## Buying a house?

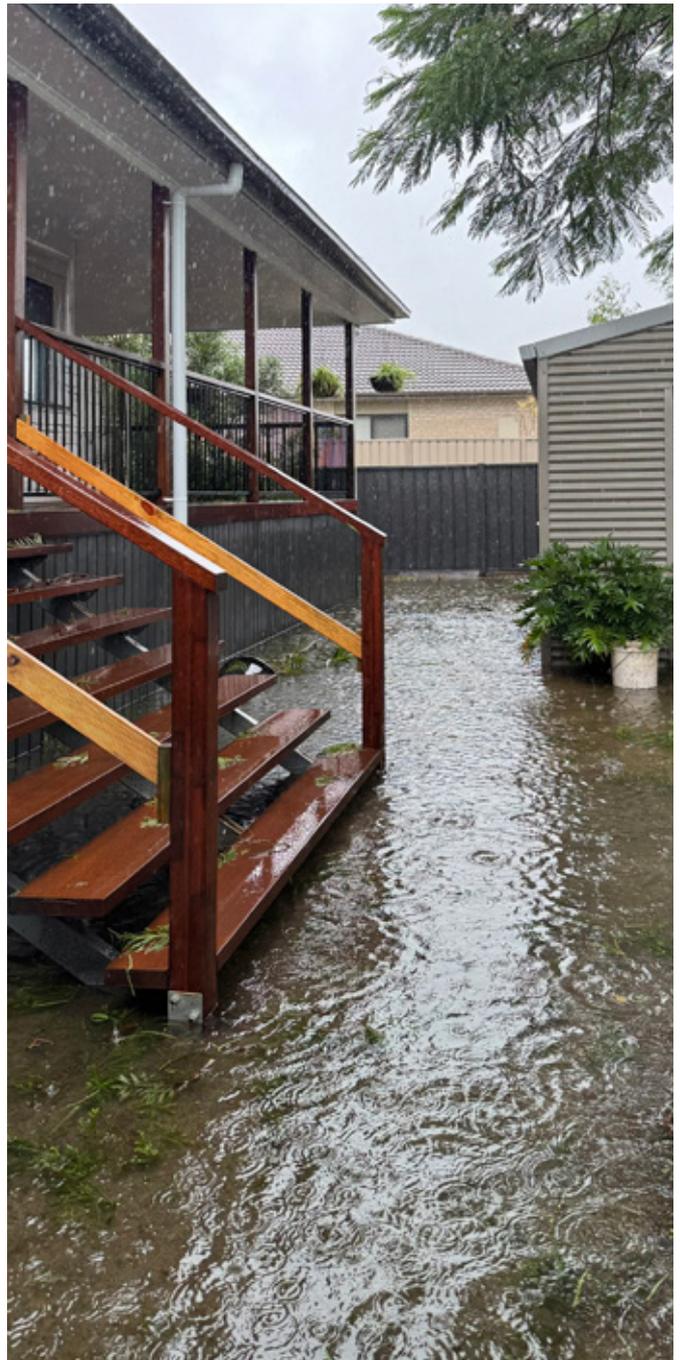
Before committing to buying a home, it's important to do some research. Look at your local council's flood map to learn if the property you want to buy is in a flood zone and could flood in the future.

You can also request historical flood information and advice from your local council or search the property using [FloodCheck Queensland](#).

Preparation is key. If you are buying a home in an area prone to flooding, consider retrofit works like raising services such as air conditioning units and the hot water system. These can save money and minimise disruption to normal life in the aftermath of a flood.

In flood-prone areas, homeowners may have raised their home above the flood risk level to avoid inundation or retrofitted their home using water-resistant materials.

For people seeking advice on preparation activities, should they purchase a property in a flood-prone area, information and helpful advice is available on the [Get Ready Queensland](#) website.



## More information

To find out how you can prepare your home for a flood, visit [getready.qld.gov.au](https://getready.qld.gov.au)

For flood information from your local council, visit [getready.qld.gov.au/find-your-local-council](https://getready.qld.gov.au/find-your-local-council)

To learn more about resilient building materials, talk to your builder or architect.



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