



WHAT'S YOUR FLOOD RISK?

Investigate whether the property floods and purchase flood insurance, if needed.

- Talk to neighbors: Does the street flood? Did this house flood?
- Ask the landlord /owner about flooding history. Get the answer in writing before you buy or lease.
- Review past floods and buyouts in the area: <https://arcg.is/OrevD4>
- Enter a Harris county address to assess its specific flood risk: <http://www.texascoastalatlantlas.com/buyersbewhere/harris3.5.php>



CHECK OUT YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK BEFORE LEASING OR BUYING

Review FEMA flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>

- Compare the elevation of flood plain with the slab elevation of your home.
- Do not buy or lease in the 100-year floodplain.
- Within 500-year floodplain, home height should be above 500-year flood plain elevation. Do not buy a home with elevation below 500-year flood plain.
- A higher risk of storm surge exists in east and southeast Harris County below 25 feet.
- Avoid purchasing a home under 25 feet of elevation.
- Elevate the home above 25 feet.
- Houston streets are backup drainage systems: compare the height of slab of house to crown of the street.
- Avoid homes where slab is even with or just slightly above crown of the street.
- The slab should be 2 feet or more above the crown of the street.

Know whether your zip code is an evacuation area.

<http://prepare.readyharris.org/Evacuation-Map>



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