OWNING FLOOD PRONE PROPERTY

Properties in the Waikato can be prone to flooding. Being aware of any potential for flooding and other hazards on your property can help you to minimise your risk.

If your property is hazard prone, development may be restricted.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR PROPERTY IS IN A HAZARD RISK ZONE?

A land information memorandum (LIM) can be obtained from your city or district council and uses information from a wide range of sources, including Waikato Regional Council, to indicate known flood hazard areas. If hazards are not listed on your LIM you can review the broadscale flood hazard risks and river flooding hazard maps on the Waikato Regional Council website, www.waikatoregion.govt.nz. These will indicate if your property is in a flood prone area. For more detailed information, contact the Waikato Regional Council for a flood hazard report.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOODS

☑ Locate assets and other structures away from water courses and low lying land such as flood plains. This activity may already be restricted by planning permission in your area, but if not you may save yourself later insurance difficulties and damage to your property.

☑ Identify your closest high points for emergency evacuation.

☑ Plant vegetation in areas where rainwater may run off. Adequate vegetation cover stabilises the ground and absorbs water, helping to control water and sediment running off sloping land.

☑ Sign up to the Waikato Regional Council's flood warning service. In doing so, it can help you manage your flood preparedness and provide you with sufficient warning to take reasonable steps to protect yourself and your property.

FLOOD WARNING SERVICE

Email **regional.hazards@waikatoregion.govt.nz** to sign up for the flood warning service or freecall 0800 800 401 and ask for the senior emergency management officer (EMO).

MORE INFORMATION:

waikatoregion.govt.nz/riverflooding

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