

# Next Steps for Property Owners

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## **Step 1) Get An Elevation Certificate For Your Property**

One important piece of information is how high your home or business is relative to the floodplain. Only a licensed land surveyor in Kansas can do this for you. The price may range from \$400 to \$700 for one property. The cost may vary because of the location of the nearest benchmarks and control points that the surveyor must use. Homeowners or businesses could approach surveyors as a group to help reduce this cost. The information the surveyor will provide you is vital to deciding on further actions to protect your property, including flood proofing and flood insurance. This is the most notable responsibility for property owners in the process of making a risk informed decision about how to manage your flood risk.

## **Step 2) Look Into A Flood Insurance Policy**

Contact a flood insurance agent and decide on the best policy. Federally backed mortgages require flood insurance. Most home owner policies have fire insurance, but many homeowners do not realize they have a greater chance of flooding if located in the base flood area.

## **Step 3) Understand Your Flood Risk**

Maps are available. Technical staff at the city, county, state and even federal government can assist you in reading the maps.

## **Step 4) Consider Tools For Retrofitting Your Building**

Several tools exist to reduce your flood risk. The federal, state and local governments have already established many features, like the Tuttle Creek Dam and other measures. These features alone should not be depended on as the only means to reduce risk. Those in the floodplain need to also consider flood proofing, home elevation, or other means to manage the remaining risk.

