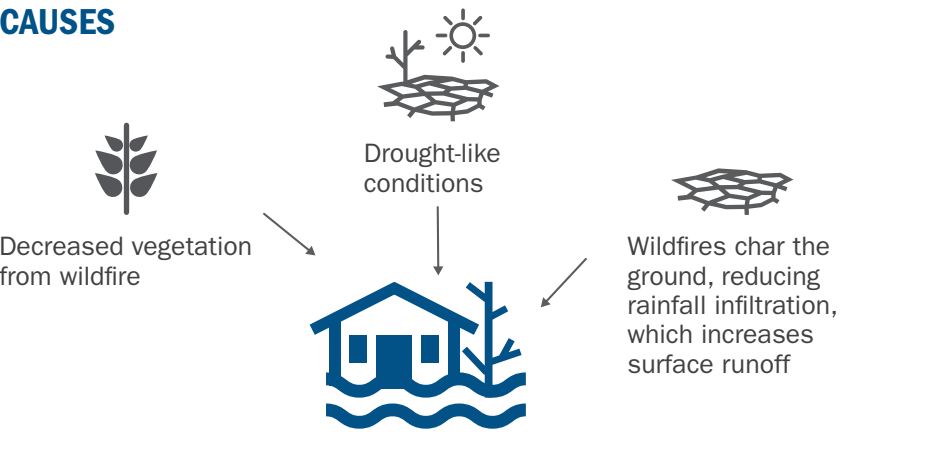


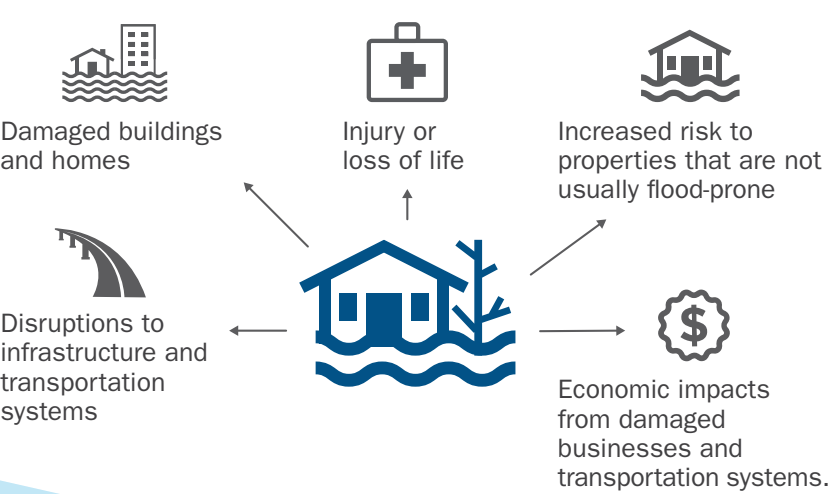
POST-WILDFIRE FLOODING

Wildfires cause significantly higher risk of flood and mudflow until vegetation is restored.

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How I Can Reduce My Risk

Elevate your home and utilities (electrical, furnace, water heater, etc.) above the base flood elevation

Secure objects in your yard that may be swept away or damaged by floodwaters

Set back homes from river channels and shorelines

Know your risk by visiting FEMA's Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>) or contacting your community's floodplain administrator to find out if your home is in a flood zone

Coordinate with your community to keep storm drains, channels, and waterways free of debris

Purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (living in a flood zone is not a requirement)

How Local Officials Can Reduce My Risk

Join the National Flood Insurance Program and consider adopting regulations above the minimum requirements of the program

Improve stormwater management planning and maintain stormwater network to reduce risk of flooding

Incorporate flood and wildfire mitigation into community plans

Identify and publicize evacuation routes; practice their use via drills

Consider future conditions in floodplain management activities

Plan for community education and debris cleanup

Regulate development, including updating and enforcing building codes, in floodzones and wildfire hazard areas

Provide community outreach after fires and before storms to prepare public

Additional Resources

Ready.gov
www.ready.gov/floods
www.ready.gov/wildfires

FloodSmart.gov
www.floodsmart.gov/

Contact your local or state emergency management department for more information about post-wildfire flooding reduction.

Definitions

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): provides flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners in communities that participate in the NFIP. Participating communities adopt and enforce ordinances that reduce the risk of flooding.

