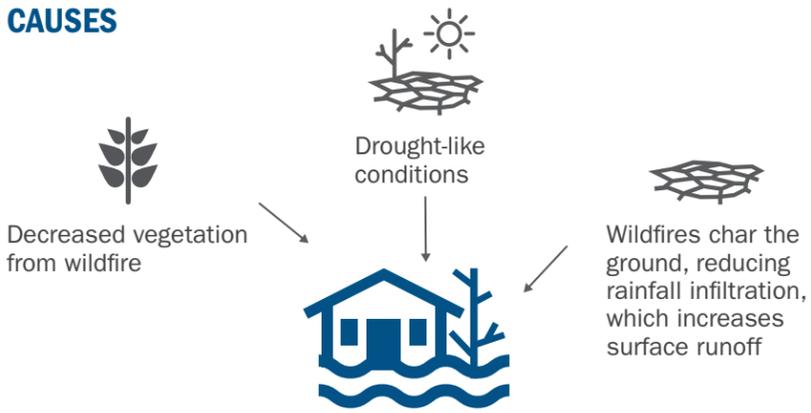


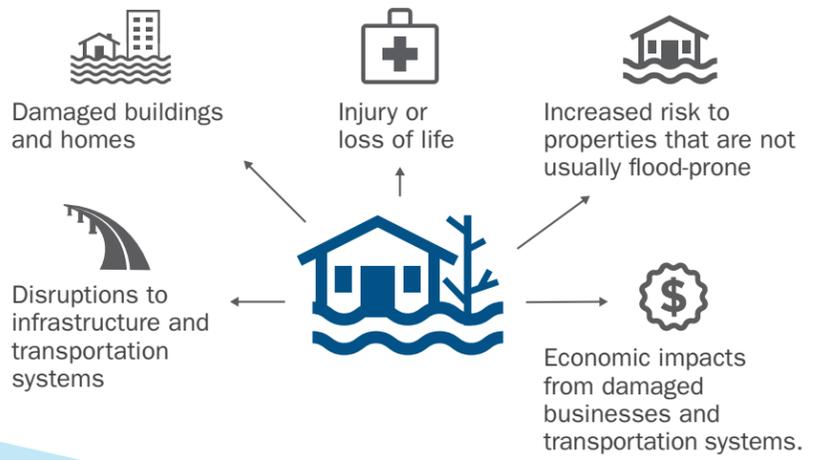
POST-WILDFIRE FLOODING

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

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IMPACTS



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



Incorporate flood and wildfire mitigation into community plans



Consider future conditions in floodplain management activities



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



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



Identify and publicize evacuation routes; practice their use via drills



Plan for community education and debris cleanup



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.