

Learn more about

ELEVATING YOUR HOME

to protect it from flood waters

4 Tips You Need to Know about Elevating Your Home to Protect it from Floodwaters

1. **Elevating your home** to protect it from floodwaters should be one of the highest priorities you have to make your home more storm resistant, especially if your home has been **harmed by flood water** or you **live in a low-lying area** of Louisiana.

2. Elevating your home will be required by your community's building codes (1) if your home is in the mapped **Special Flood Hazard Area** and (2) if it is damaged by any cause (not just a flood) and the cost of repairing it is **more than 50%** of the market value of the house. This is called "substantial damage."

3. If you have flood insurance and are substantially damaged by a flood, your flood insurance policy can provide **up to \$30,000** toward the cost of elevating the building.

4. In addition, you should contact your city's or parish's floodplain management office to learn if other **federal funds** are available, if you qualify and if so how to apply.



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