

# How can my community become **FloodReady?**

The entire community, from mayors and emergency managers to business leaders and civic groups, can take on the task of getting their community **FloodReady**.

The following organizations will work with your community to complete the application process:

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ALABAMA POWER

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NWS SOUTHEAST RIVER FORECAST CENTER



To be recognized as **FloodReady**, here are the criteria that a community must meet:

- Identify areas prone to flash flooding and river flooding.
- Develop a formal flood plan.
- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Have multiple ways to receive and disseminate weather information to your community and the National Weather Service.



► For more detailed information about becoming a **FloodReady** community, please contact the National Weather Service in Birmingham at 205-664-3010, or visit the **FloodReady** website at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bmx/hydro/floodready>



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Birmingham, AL

...Protecting Lives and Property

## ARE YOU



## FloodReady?



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# ≡ The **FloodReady** Program

*In Alabama, flooding can occur any time of the year from a number of sources such as slow-moving frontal systems, ordinary summer-time thunderstorms, or land-falling tropical cyclones.*

There are primarily two types of flooding: **flash flooding** and **river flooding**.

**Flash flooding** is a sudden inundation of water in a small area over a short period of time, generally less than 6 hours.

**River flooding** occurs when a river reaches and/or exceeds flood stage and overcomes its banks. The duration of river flooding varies greatly from a few hours to several days or even weeks!

*Regardless of the cause or type of flooding, it can be life-threatening and should be taken seriously.*

*Fortunately, the loss of life can be greatly reduced by simple planning and education*

After the severe flooding in May 2003, the National Weather Service recognized the need to provide additional assistance to area cities and counties who have special flooding interests.



## What is **FloodReady**?

**FloodReady** is a program in which the National Weather Service office in Birmingham gives communities in our warning area the skills and education necessary to minimize the loss of life and property from flooding.

***FloodReady***  
**does not mean**  
**FloodProof!**

*While no community is flood proof, **FloodReady** can help save lives and property.*

**FloodReady** communities are better prepared to save lives and property when a flood occurs through better planning, education, and awareness. With this preparation, communities will have fewer fatalities and lower property damage costs.



**BE PREPARED...BE **FLOODREADY**!!**