

Know your flood hazard.

[FEMA](#) publishes maps showing flood hazard areas and the degree of risk in those areas. These maps are on file at your local library or the Parish Administrative Offices, 1801 W. Airline Highway in LaPlace, or online [here](#). Check with the Parish Planning & Zoning Department [\(985\) 651-5565](tel:985-651-5565), to see if your property is in a special flood hazard zone.

Did you know that your property may be located in a flood prone area? You're not alone. Over 87% of St. John the Baptist Parish has been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a special flood hazard area. Special Flood Hazard Areas are designated as Zones "A" and "V". Zone "A" is referred to as the "100 year floodplain" meaning that this is an area that will be flooded on the average of once every 100 years, with a 1% chance of being flooded in any given year. **Put another way, there is a 30% chance of your property being flooded over the life of a 30-year mortgage.**

Flood zone "V" is an area where wave action is likely to occur over and above the flooding. The areas along the shore of Lakes Maurepas, Pontchartrain, and Lac Des Allemands are designated as "V" zones. Localized flooding can occur anywhere in the Parish, even outside of a "flood zone" or the special flood hazard area when isolated rainstorms drop large amounts of rain in relatively short periods of time.