

Retrofitting

There are many things you can do to an existing building to minimize or eliminate the potential for flood damage.

Sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber can be used to protect property temporarily. (Remember, sandbags should not be stacked directly against the outer walls of a building since wet bags may create added pressure on the foundation).

Permanent floodproofing measures for flood prone structures are preferable to temporary ones. These permanent retrofitting methods include elevating the structure, building floodwalls and closures, and protecting utilities.

[Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References](#)

[Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting](#)

[Above the Flood: Elevating Your Floodprone House](#)

[Before you begin construction – be aware of substantial damage/improvement rules!](#)
