

## Future FEMA Flood Maps

Preliminary flood hazard data can provide the public an early look at their home or community's projected risk to flood hazards. These future maps are posted on FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC) when they are expected to become effective within 12 months. *One caution: These preliminary maps are not final and are presented on the MSC as the best information available at this time. Additionally, preliminary data cannot be used to rate flood insurance policies or enforce the Federal mandatory purchase requirement.*

To find out if there is a preliminary ("future") map available for a community:

1. Go to the FEMA Map Service Center: (*You can easily Google this, too.*)  
<https://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>
2. Click on the words "Product Catalog" at the top of the page (in the red banner.)
3. Click on the words "Future FIRMs" (third bullet down as of January 2014.)
4. Enter the state, then county, then community as each field presents, then click on the button labeled "Get Future FEMA Issued Flood Maps."
5. If future maps are posted, look down the list for the map panel that was indicated in the search above (see *How to Use FEMA's Flood Map Search* located on the State Floodplain Management Office webpage)

If there are no future maps posted, this does not mean that there are no future maps, it just means that FEMA hasn't posted them yet. For example, the maps may be in an appeal process. Your local floodplain manager should know about the status of upcoming maps; to find the contact information for any local Florida floodplain manager, go to the Division of Emergency Management's website, select "Mitigation" and then "State Floodplain Management Office" and scroll down to the banner titled "Realtors & Homeowners."

Here's the actual url: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/SFMP/Index.htm>

For other questions about floodplain management or flood maps, contact the **State Floodplain Management Office** at 850-850-413-9960 or [floods@em.myflorida.com](mailto:floods@em.myflorida.com)

