

Hidden flood risks in your community



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Flooding can happen anywhere, even far from water. In fact, towns, cities, and their suburbs have hidden flood risks that can put your home or business in danger. Changing weather patterns, new development, small streams, and limited drainage can turn a heavy rain into flash floods in minutes.

1 New development
As communities grow and development changes, there can be fewer places for the water to go, and a heavy rain can quickly become runoff.

2 Small streams or creeks
In a severe storm, even a small stream can quickly overflow and break its banks.

3 Drainage systems
Cities and suburbs have more concrete, which can't absorb water. Limited drainage systems, increased rainfall, and aging city infrastructure can cause damaging runoff and overflows.

4 Changing weather patterns and severe storms
More frequent and more intense severe weather events can overwhelm a community with a great deal of water in a short period of time.

