

3 STEPS TO UNDERSTANDING SURFACE WATER FLOOD RISK

Over 3 million properties are at risk of surface water flooding in England. With increased urban areas, and climate change bringing heavier and more intense rainfall, surface water flooding remains a growing threat facing more properties each year.

1. CHECK YOUR RISK

Check if you are at risk from surface water flooding and understand how that may affect you.

Visit www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/, type in your postcode, view the map of risk of flooding from surface water, and explore the different flood risks for where you live.



2. SIGN UP TO MET OFFICE WARNINGS

If your flood risk only comes from surface water, you may not be eligible to receive Environment Agency flood warnings.

Instead, sign up to Met Office weather warnings which will warn you of heavy rain spells that often lead to surface water flooding. Subscribe to email alerts here: www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings.

3. TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR RISK

- Make sure your insurance covers flood risk. Take a look at the Flood Re scheme if you are struggling to find affordable household flood insurance cover - www.floodre.co.uk.
- Create a flood plan so you are prepared to take action if flooding occurs.
- Take a look at property flood resilience (PFR) options which can help to protect your property.
- If flooding occurs, be sure to report the incident to the correct authority as this will help them to respond and investigate.



For more detailed advice on the information mentioned, visit The Flood Hub here: www.thefloodhub.co.uk