

Increasing Flood Resilience



The Environment Agency and Northumberland County Council are urging people to think about how they can reduce their risk of flooding. Flooding is no longer only an issue for communities living near to rivers or the sea, as surface water flooding can now pose as much risk.

The impact of climate change now means that many areas are potentially at risk of flooding due to heavy downpours putting pressure on existing drainage.

Being flooded is absolutely devastating and any steps that can be taken towards better protecting your property, business and community can significantly lessen the impact. Some ways that you can increase your resilience to flooding are:



Check your flood risk from rivers, sea and surface water on the flood warning information service flood maps by visiting - <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk> or scan the QR code.

Sign up to the Flood Warning Service to receive free flood warning messages by visiting - www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings or scan the QR code.



Create a Personal Flood Plan and pack a grab bag with essentials – visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan or scan the QR code for advice.

Look to install flood protection products if required – visit <http://bluepages.org.uk/protecting-my-property/> or scan the QR code for further advice.



Make sure you have the right level of insurance cover needed – visit www.floodre.co.uk/ or scan the QR code.

Regularly check for weather updates, by visiting - <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/> or scan the QR code.



Fly Tipping

Fly tipping or littering in and around rivers and watercourses can cause pollution, harm wildlife and can lead to blockages which can cause flooding. Report any fly tipping to online.northumberland.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

If you would like support with any of the areas highlighted, please contact - colin.Hall@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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