

FEMA Flood Zone Descriptions

Zone A - An area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding, for which no BFEs have been determined.

Zone AE - An area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding, for which BFEs have been determined.

Zone AO - An area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain), for which average depths have been determined; flood depths range from 1 to 3 feet.

Zone AH - An area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding (usually an area of ponding), for which BFEs have been determined; flood depths range from 1 to 3 feet.

Zone X500 - An area inundated by 0.2% annual chance flooding; an area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; or an area protected by levees from 1% annual chance flooding.

Zone X - An area that is determined to be outside the 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains.