

Medina County Building Department



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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR: FEMA FLOOD ZONES, BUILDING IN OR NEARBY

1. Determine if you are in a FEMA flood zone:

- a. You can check the FEMA maps at fema.gov and follow the instructions. Alternately, you can check the [Medina County GIS](#) system where flood zones will appear in shaded areas of blue. You may, also, contact the Medina County Highway Engineer's Office (MCHE) for assistance.

***If no FEMA flood zone area is on the property, no further action here is required, follow builders guide as usual.** Otherwise, continue reading and submit the documents and info outlined below to us and to MCHE office (Stormwater Department), located at 791 W. Smith Rd. If within a Village, see their Flood Plain Manager instead of MCHE.

2A. If FEMA flood zone shows on property but proposed structure is not in the zone:

- a. Obtain a project site plan, prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer, showing the flood area and elevation, and that the existing and finished grades all around the structure are above the designated flood plain elevation.
- b. Submit site plan with building drawings for plan review.
- c. If amendments to the FEMA maps were granted, (LOMA, LOMR, etc) please provide this information.

OR

2B. If proposed structure is within the FEMA flood zone:

- a. The design of the structure shall meet the requirements of Section 322 Flood Resistant Construction of the Residential Code of Ohio.
- b. Obtain a site plan, prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer, showing the flood plain elevation, and that the lowest floor elevation (including basement) will be at least 2' above the designated flood plain elevation. Submit with building plans for plan review. The site plan shall also be submitted to MCHE office for review of conformance with the Medina County Flood Damage Reduction Regulations.
- c. After construction, submit an Elevation Certificate, prepared by a licensed surveyor, to MCHE (The surveyor checks these elevations during construction to show compliance).