

Understanding key flood information

Video transcript

Narrator: Looking at flood information for the first time, it's hard to know what to focus on. There are a lot of details, and some jargon too. So, let's look at a few useful pieces of information, and how they apply to your area.

A *flood map* typically shows you what would happen in a major flood. Floods of this size are rare, but they can do a lot of damage. Even smaller floods, which are more likely to occur, can cause problems and be a nuisance.

So, how far would floodwater spread in your area? The *flood extent* shows where the water would likely spread in a major flood, and whether it comes from stormwater drains, or waterways that have overflowed.

Now, how high would the water be? After all, there's a big difference in what 10cm and 50cm of water can mean for your household. The *flood depth* is usually shown by colour, with a key like this one.

And what would happen if floodwater reached your home? Well, that depends on a few things, but the features of your home are a good place to start. So, click on the relevant features to your home for some examples.

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Option: House foundations

Narrator: Is your house built on a slab, or on stumps? Floors and foundations at ground level or lower might flood more easily compared to houses that are raised up high.

Option: Car parking

Narrator: Garages and basement car parks are often low-lying and more exposed. This could damage vehicles or valuable items that you've stored there.

Option: Apartment building

Narrator: Floodwater can damage your floors and spread through shared walls. Shared spaces like basement parking, lobbies, lifts or emergency exits could also be affected.

After all options have been selected

Narrator: The resources below can help you read flood maps and help you understand how flooding can impact the area you live in. When you're ready watch the next video all about the different types of flooding.

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