



Flood Information 2019

Missoula County Building Division & Inspections

Minor Flooding

- Special Inspection Request
 - Our department offers Special Inspections at the rate of 45\$ per hour, that can include a written report if you choose.
 - This inspection can be helpful if you are worried that you may need to replace electrical or drywall/framing/insulation in your basement.

Major Flooding

- In the event of a major flood, most likely your utilities will be turned off, and you will be evacuated from your home.
- Once the flood waters have subsided our department will do an exterior site visit to your home to inspect if it is safe to let the utility companies know to reenergize the electrical and/or gas if they were shut off. You will not need a permit for this.
 - When we site inspect, you will receive one of the following placards:
 - **RED: DO NOT ENTER**- This means the structure is unsafe to occupy.
 - **YELLOW: RESTRICTED USE** – This means the structure is safe to enter but only in a limited capacity.
 - **GREEN: NO DAMAGE**- OK to turn on electricity and gas, no need for further inspection.

Permits

- When do I need a permit? And what do I need?
 - If flooding forces you or you choose to remodel post flooding, you may need a permit. This could mean replacement of HVAC in your crawlspace, moving your exterior AC unit, or moving a wall in your basement.
 - a) Building Permits: structural changes, not cosmetic: painting, flooring, cabinetry, etc.
 - b) Electrical Permit: ANY electrical rewiring: outlet changes, light fixtures, etc.
 - c) Mechanical Permit: movement or upgrading of furnace, boiler, etc.
 - d) Plumbing Permit: movement of plumbing fixtures, water heater replacement, etc.

Please call the Building Division with any further questions @ 406-258-3701