



Do I Need a Floodplain Permit?

The Pima County Regional Flood Control District (District) regulates development within unincorporated Pima County. To determine if a property within unincorporated Pima County is impacted by a regulatory floodplain, wash or riparian habitat, please submit a [Flood Hazard Information Form](#) and/or obtain a [Flood Hazard Map](#) from the District website.

- Fences and walls (including retaining walls)
- Structures > 200 sf
- Structures < 200 sf, including sheds; require District review/approval and may require a permit
- Manufactured home or modular building (new or replacement)
- Travel trailer/recreational vehicle
- Construction trailer
- Cargo containers (if allowed by Development Services)
- Open sided structures (attached or detached)
- Additions/remodels (includes roof replacement, HVAC replacement, interior remodels, etc.)
- Mechanical equipment (HVAC, Furnace, Water Heater, etc.)
- Solar panels (leased or purchased/owned)
- Underground utilities through regulated riparian habitat or across a major watercourse (a wash with a base flood discharge > 2000 cubic feet per second)
- Alteration of grade (placement of fill/stock pile, berms, or cuts)
- Culverts, bridges, or other improved driveway access across a regulatory wash
- Bank protection or alteration of a regulatory wash
- Septic systems
- Commercial building tenant improvements
- Pool/Spa
- Storage of hazardous or floatable materials
- Anything that diverts, retards or obstructs regulatory flood flows
- Any disturbance within Regulated Riparian Habitat (< 1/3 acre requires review/approval, > 1/3 acre of disturbance requires permit), including anything on this page and/or the following:
 - Removal of native vegetation, including understory vegetation (small trees shrubs, perennials, annuals, and grasses)
 - Placement or removal of soil, fill or other materials
 - Removal of woody debris, leaves, branches and other organic matter
 - Human encroachments such as fencing, structures and placement of impervious surfaces (i.e. pavement or sidewalks)
 - Parking of vehicles
 - Livestock Grazing

Please note that this list provides some examples but should not be construed as a complete list. Also, often only part of a property is in a floodplain so whether a permit is needed may depend on the location of the improvement on the property.

To determine if a floodplain permit or approval is required, contact Pima County Regional Flood Control District at (520) 724-4600 or e-mail FloodStatus@pima.gov