

PAYNE COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

Serving Unincorporated Areas of Payne County Oklahoma



CHECK BEFORE YOU BUILD

ARE YOU ABOUT TO BUILD IN A FLOODPLAIN?

Payne County has areas subject to periodic flooding.
Do you know where these areas are?

Why Floodplain Management?

Payne County is particularly vulnerable to harsh weather, tropical systems, and severe flooding during the summer, even hundreds of miles inland. Oklahoma quite often qualifies for federally declared disasters due to flooding. Damage from Tropical Storm Erin (2007) caused extreme flood damage to areas near the Gulf Coast; damage totaled \$2 million in Oklahoma alone. As each year's summer storm season approaches, it is important residents are aware of the dangers of flooding and the importance of protecting their homes and assets with flood insurance.

Availability of Flood Insurance Limited to Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program

Payne County Oklahoma participates in the National Flood Insurance Program which provides for affordable flood insurance for citizens in unincorporated areas of the county.

In order for citizens to remain eligible for this insurance; the Payne County Floodplain Board has the responsibility to implement sound regulations that guide any new development within Federal Emergency Management Agency identified areas subject to flooding from a 100-year storm (or the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year).

Under provisions of the Payne County Floodplain Management Regulations, a permit is required prior to the construction of structures such as houses, barns, commercial buildings, or similar improvements. Permits are also required for land alteration such as filling, grading, or reshaping of land areas. Note: This does not apply to normal farming practices or improvements such as terraces or farm ponds.

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Additional information may be found at the following websites:

- Payne County Floodplain Management: <http://www.paynecountyok.gov/floodplain/>
- Oklahoma Water Resources Board: <http://www.owrb.ok.gov/hazard/fp/floodplain.php>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>