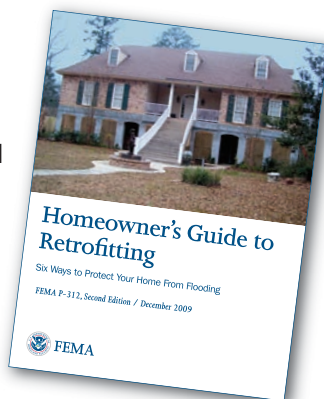


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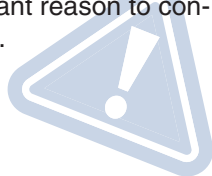
As a homeowner, you need clear information about the retrofitting options that are available to help reduce flood damage to your home, as well as guidance on selecting the option that is best for you. FEMA P-312 is intended for homeowners who have little or no knowledge of flood protection methods or building construction techniques.



In order to avoid repetitive flood damage to your home, you need to know what damage-reduction methods are available, the degree to which they are successful, how much they cost, and whether they are likely to meet your needs. These issues are addressed by the guide. In addition, the guide explains how the degree of flood risk can vary from one location to another. By knowing the basic questions to ask your local officials, you are guided toward the retrofitting technique that is appropriate for you.



Under State or local laws, ordinances, or regulations, some retrofitting techniques may not be used in certain circumstances. This is another important reason to consult your local officials.



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- **FEMA 348**, *Protecting Building Utilities from Flood Damage*
- **FEMA 499**, *Home Builder's Guide to Coastal Construction Technical Fact Sheets*
- **FEMA P-85**, *Protecting Manufactured Homes from Floods and Other Hazards: A Multi-Hazard Foundation and Installation Guide*, Second Edition
- **FEMA P-550**, *Recommended Residential Construction for Coastal Areas*, Second Edition



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