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NEW FLOOD MAPS SHOW CURRENT RISKS; GET FLOOD INSURANCE FOR PROTECTION

Wise County, TX Flood Maps Ready for Release

DENTON, Texas – Wise County, Texas homeowners, business and residential renters, and business owners who do not have flood insurance are encouraged to buy coverage now to get the best possible premiums before new flood insurance rate maps go into effect.

The new Wise County flood maps, which include all of the communities in Wise County, become effective on **Friday, Dec. 16** giving homeowners, business owners and residential renters who haven't purchased flood insurance yet, time to get the best possible premiums to protect their property from potential flooding.

“While many people are required by mortgage and lending companies to have flood insurance, FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) strongly recommend that everyone have flood insurance,” said Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell. “The reason is simple: You don't have to be in a mapped floodplain to flood.”

Current policy holders and those planning to purchase NFIP protection are strongly encouraged to contact their insurance agent or company to ensure that they have adequate coverage for building and contents that accounts for new flood risk data.

Those who purchase flood insurance prior to **December 16** may be able to grandfather the current flood zone, saving money on flood insurance. For more information on estimated rates for flood insurance, whether you are eligible for grandfathering, and the Preferred Risk Policy extension, or to locate an agent in your area, visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Anyone who hasn't had a chance to participate in local flood insurance meetings or to review the new flood maps is encouraged to contact their Floodplain Administrator who may be located at City Hall or County Administration.

- To view the maps online, please visit <http://go.usa.gov/r6V>.
- To use the live chat service, visit <http://go.usa.gov/r6C>. Click on the “Live Chat” icon.
- To contact a FEMA Map Specialist, call 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or send an email to FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com

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