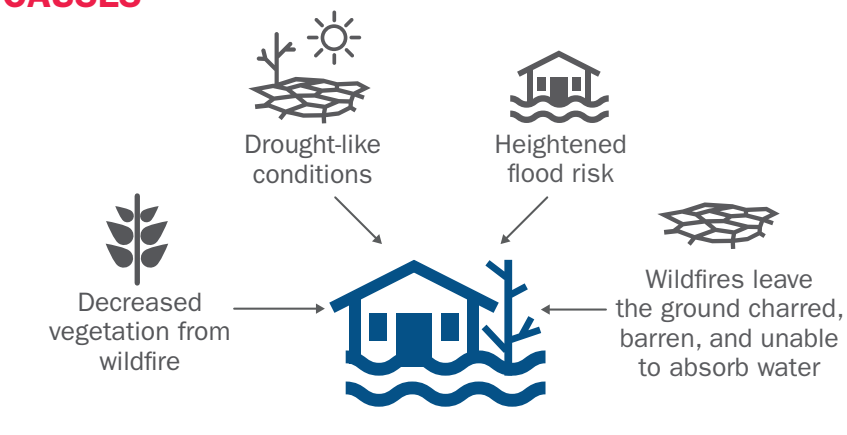


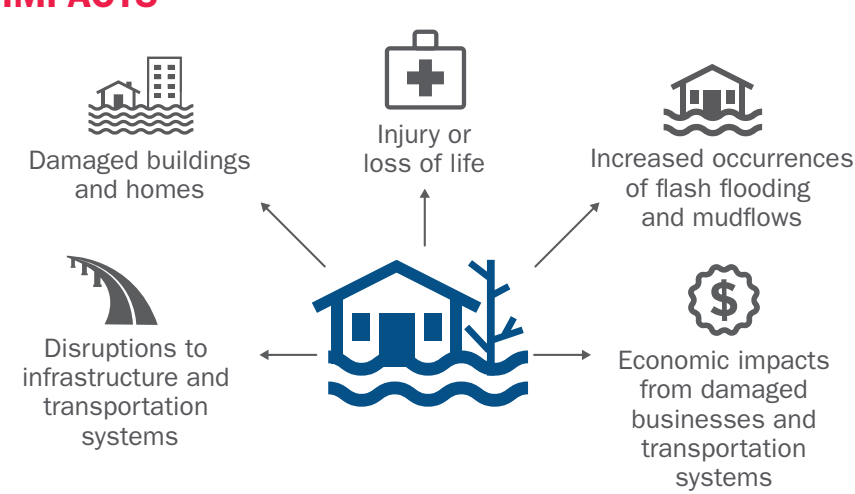
# POST-WILDFIRE FLOODING

Wildfires leave the ground unable to absorb water, creating conditions ripe for flash flooding and mudflow.

## CAUSES



## IMPACTS



## How Can I Reduce My Risk?

Secure objects in your yard that may be swept away or damaged by floodwaters

Elevate your home and utilities (electrical, furnace, water heater, etc.) above the flood elevation

Set back homes from river channels and shorelines

Know your risk by visiting FEMA's FloodMap Service Center (<http://msc.fema.gov/portal>) or contacting your community's floodplain administrator to find out if your home is in a flood zone

Coordinate with your community to keep storm drains free of debris

Purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (living in a flood zone is not a requirement)

A detailed illustration of a flooded landscape. In the foreground, a large red house with a chimney is partially submerged in blue floodwater. Several smaller blue and red houses are scattered throughout the flooded area. Brown, skeletal trees are visible in the water. In the background, there are brown hills and a dark mountain range under a blue sky with a white cloud.

## How Can My Local Government Reduce My Risk?

- Join the National Flood Insurance Program and consider adopting regulations above the minimum requirements of the program
- Regulate development, including updating and enforcing building codes, in flood zones and wildfire hazard areas
- Incorporate flood mitigation into community plans
- Improve stormwater management planning
- Consider future conditions in floodplain management activities

## Definitions

**National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):** provides flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners in communities that participate in the NFIP. Participating communities adopt and enforce ordinances that reduce the risk of flooding.

## Additional Resources

**Ready.gov**  
<https://www.ready.gov/floods> <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

**Flood Smart**  
<https://www.floodsmart.gov/>

**Flood Economics**  
<http://floodeconomics.com/>

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