



Newly Mapped Properties

When to buy flood insurance during a map change

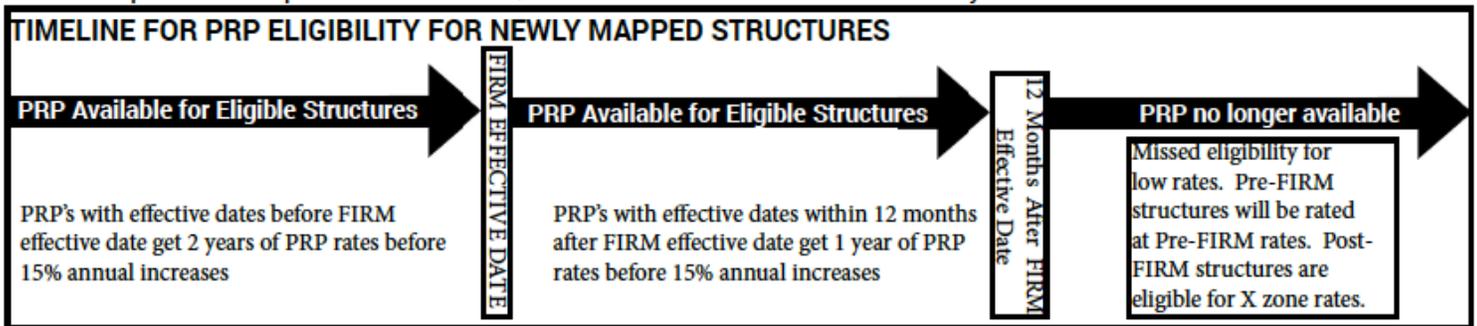
When you believe your structure could enter the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) which is any A, AO, AH, AE or VE zone, for the first time, it may be confusing to know exactly when to purchase flood insurance coverage or what the process will be. If you are not in the SFHA now, but will be for the first time, you are considered "newly mapped" and flood insurance can be required if you have a mortgage after you are remapped.

What Are The Lowest Rates I Can Get?

If you are currently NOT in the SFHA, but will be moving in, you are most likely eligible for the Preferred Risk Policy (PRP). The PRP is for structures outside the SFHA, and costs around \$530 for a single family primary residence dwelling. If flood insurance is purchased before the map change, this rate can be locked in for years before the rates increase.

What is the Process?

The Newly Mapped process allows structures newly mapped from the X flood zone into SFHA to gradually increase in premium to the zone they have been moved into, rather than paying the new zone's rate immediately. **However, the flood policy must be purchased within the first 12 months after the map changes, or within 24 months of the map change if the lender notifies you after the 12 months is over.** The timeline below outlines when to buy the low rate PRP before the deadline.



What Happens Next?

IF YOU PURCHASE THE PRP BY THE DEADLINE: Those who purchased the PRP in time to receive the newly mapped procedure, the PRP rate will increase by 15% a year until structures reach the rates for the zone they are in. Once the increases in rates meet or exceed the standard policy rates for the flood zone you were moved into, you may be rated based on your flood zone and/or base flood elevation and your policy will increase based on



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average annual increases for that flood zone (changes per year).

IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE THE PRP BY THE DEADLINE: You will immediately be rated to your rate class. Post-FIRM structures would be eligible for X zone rates. Pre-FIRM structures would be eligible for pre-FIRM rates. **However, both are higher than the PRP or newly mapped rate.**

Example of rate increases

Below is a table of example rates for those who buy flood insurance at different times, and its impact over time for rating.

| Map effective date | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Purchased before map became effective | \$558 | \$558 | \$576 | \$650 |
| Purchased after map became effective, but within 12 months | \$558 | \$576 | \$650 | \$729 |
| Purchased after map became effective, not within 12 months | \$3,020 | \$3,231 | \$3,471 | \$3,714 |

NOTE: All premiums are estimated, and are projections of future rates based on \$250,000 building /\$10,000 deductible. Please consult your insurance agent for accurate and exact premium. NFIP premiums can only be projected 6 months before rates are effective.