Do I have the green light to get a building permit?

Anyone making repairs to a flood-damaged structure needs to get a building permit from Metro Codes and Building Safety. Repairs should be made by a licensed contractor. More information about the permitting process, including help finding a licensed contractor, can be found online at www.nashville.gov/flood or by calling the Codes Department at (615) 862-6500.

**Green light:** If your property is not located within the 100-year floodplain, you will be issued a building permit.

*The majority of properties fall into this category.* Of the approx. 11,680 properties flood-damaged in Davidson County, 5,850 (or 50 percent) are located outside of the 100-year floodplain.

**Yellow light:** If your property is located within the 100-year floodplain, before a building permit can be issued, it must first be determined:

- If your property is located within the floodway (the most dangerous part of the 100-year floodplain)
- If the structure sustained damage greater than 50% of its appraised value
- If the first floor of the property meets federal elevation standards

**Red light:** If your property is located within the floodway (the most dangerous part of the 100-year floodplain) and the structure sustained damage greater than 50% of its appraised value, you will not be issued a building permit. You will be contacted about a voluntary hazard mitigation buyout program Metro Nashville is working to develop.

Only 198 (or less than 2 percent) of all flood-damaged properties in Davidson County are located within the floodway and sustained damage greater than 40% of the total appraised value. A detailed damage assessment of each of these properties is currently underway to determine exactly how many will be eligible for the voluntary hazard mitigation buyout program.

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**View the Floodplain Online**

Metro Nashville has an online map that shows the FEMA floodplain and floodway boundaries for properties within Davidson County: [http://maps.nashville.gov/checkflood/](http://maps.nashville.gov/checkflood/)

**Get Your Building Permit Online**

Owners of flood-damaged one and two-family residential properties located in Davidson County may apply for, receive and print their flood-repair permits online, without having to visit the Codes Department. Affected property owners can learn more and apply online via a link at [www.nashville.gov/flood](http://www.nashville.gov/flood).