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Rebuilding? Check with Floodplain Manager About Permit

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remind residents planning to rebuild to consult with their local floodplain manager first to see if required permits may be necessary before work can start.

Once the home has been inspected, residents are safe to enter. However, it is the owner's responsibility to make sure all necessary permits have been obtained – including, if necessary, a Floodplain Development Permit, before starting reconstruction. To find floodplain management contacts, visit dnr.nebraska.gov/floodplain and click on your county.

Floodplain management is a community program to reduce the risk of flooding. These measures generally include requirements for zoning, subdivision or building, building codes and special-purpose floodplain ordinances.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has faced discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362, voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.