

You will need to provide an estimated cost of the damages to your property to the Flood Plain Administrator. Once we have this information, we will re-examine the preliminary Substantial Damage letter that was sent.

Your estimated cost of work must include the following:

1. Cost of mechanicals
2. Paint
3. Flooring
4. Trim
5. Kitchen cabinets & countertops
6. Framing, sheetrock, insulation
7. Electrical & plumbing fixtures
8. Doors & Windows
9. Labor - even if you do the work yourself, you must account for what it would cost if you hired a contractor
10. Total value of all materials, including the value of free or donated materials

	Permit Required?	Possibly	Possibly	YES	Possibly	Possibly	Possibly	No	YES	YES	YES	No	No	n/a	n/a
	Volunteer														
	Hours														
	Cost														
MATERIALS ESTIMATE WORKSHEET															
Sheetrock															
Insulation															
Framing															
Flooring															
Trim/Finishing															
Doors															
Paint															
Electrical Service															
Electrical Panel															
HVAC Equipment															
Kitchen – Cabinets															
Kitchen – Countertops															
Labor															
Cleaning															

Calculate costs based on fair-market value rates, even for donated time and/or materials

CITY UTILITY INFORMATION

POWER	<p>JCP&L</p> <p>Report an outage: 1-888-LIGHTSS firstenergycorp.com/help.html</p>
WATER	<p>VEOLIA</p> <p>Report an emergency: 609-917-0593 mywater.veolia.us</p>
GAS	<p>ELIZABETHTOWN GAS</p> <p>Report a gas leak: 1-800-492-4009 elizabethtowngas.com</p>
SEWER	<p>LAMBERTVILLE MUA</p> <p>Report an emergency: 888-214-6830 lambertvillemua.com</p>

Disaster Relief Resources

City of Lambertville Disaster Relief

The City of Lambertville has funds available through the Community Development Block Grant for income-qualified families to make improvements to properties damaged by flood waters. You can also apply for the same grant to complete improvements that will flood-proof your property. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk by calling 609-397-0110, ext 11 or via email at cityclerk@lambertvillenj.org.

Temporary housing and emergency assistance may be available through the Public Assistance Office. Contact Bambi Kuhl, at 609-397-0110, ext 13.

Fisherman's Mark

Fisherman's Mark is a local non-profit agency based in Lambertville, offering various support for residents including food, supplies, and other services. Call 609-397-0194 or visit fishermansmark.org.

Disaster Assistance from FEMA

The **Individuals and Households Program** offers financial assistance for qualifying households. For additional FEMA information, please visit fema.gov/disaster/4614 or call State News Desk: (609) 882-2000 x 3004.

Additionally, FEMA may provide a one-time grant to individuals to help with home cleanup. To find out if you qualify, apply on DisasterAssistance.gov.



City of Lambertville

What to do when a natural disaster affects your property

First Steps After a Disaster

Photograph everything – appliances, furniture, general damage, etc

Call your insurance company to report damages

Notify the Construction Office and Flood Plain Administrator that your property has been damaged

Begin demolition and/or cleanup of damaged materials

Keep detailed records of cost of work, including hours of volunteered labor, as well the value of any donated materials

Obtain written estimates for all proposed repairs/improvements

Complete a Uniform Construction Code (UCC) permit application & file with the Construction Office within 5 business days

My belongings are damaged – what do I do?

Document. Take photos and, if possible, keep a list of damaged items that are removed from your home.

Separate debris by type. Household goods, construction/building materials, and hazardous materials should all be divided separately when possible. Different colored trash bags can make this process easier.

Hazardous materials include: batteries, pesticides, solvents, paint thinners, mercury-containing devices, household cleaners, freezer and refrigerator coolant, Lead-based paint, medical waste.

Move quickly. When the water recedes, time is critical to combat mold, which can appear in one or two days. All wet materials, mud and debris must be removed to the outside of the home or business. Cut away wet wallboard and fiber insulation at minimum one foot above the high water line. A good bactericide can be made with 1 cup bleach per gallon of water in a bucket or garden sprayer. A couple drops of liquid soap will slow evaporation.

Protect yourself. Wear gloves when handling damaged debris, and a mask if exposed to mold or chemicals.

CITY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

When a state of emergency has been declared in the City, the Mayor and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) team will coordinate debris management. Dumpsters will be placed around the City, and debris collection sites will be announced.

Power Outages after Storms

It's not uncommon to lose power in the City in stormy weather, but after a severe storm it can take some time for restoration. As outage information is known, it will be posted on the City website and Facebook page.



After a severe storm, JCP&L may determine that power needs to be disconnected for safety reasons. If a meter is "pulled," it means that electricity for the property is shut off until City inspectors give the OK to restore power.

What to do about a pulled meter?

Call your electrician. Your electric meter or your electric panel may need service or repair. If either has been submerged in water, replacement is likely necessary.

After the work has been completed, **schedule an inspection** through the Construction office. After City inspectors have verified the repairs, they will contact JCP&L to have the power restored.

If you sustained any damage to your HVAC equipment, electrical panels, etc, do not attempt to reconnect power yourself.

If electrical equipment needs to be replaced, a permit is required but we do not require that the permits be submitted prior to the installation or replacement of equipment. Have the work completed as soon as you are able. Submit the permits within 3 business days.

Although permits are not required prior to the installation, **inspections are still necessary.**

Please contact the Construction Office to set up appointments with inspectors as needed.

To reach the Construction Department, call 609-397-0110, ext 23 or email construction@lambertvillenj.org

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Meanwhile, in the Construction Office...

In the event of a flood or natural disaster in the City, the Construction Official or Flood Plain Administrator (FPA) will visit affected areas and complete preliminary assessments of damage known as **Preliminary Substantial Damage Determinations.**

If your property is located in the 100 year flood plain, work that is done to your home is subject to the regulations within the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This includes classifying improvements or repairs as **Substantial.** When Substantial changes are made to the property, they must be completed within the regulations of the Ordinance.

Is my property in the 100 year flood plain? Contact the Construction Office to find out.

What does Substantial Damage / Substantial Improvement mean in the 100 year flood plain?

A property is considered **Substantially Damaged** when total repair costs exceed 50% of the market value of the structure.

Substantial Improvement occurs when improvements are made to a property that exceed 50% of the market value of the structure.

If your property is being significantly renovated, the project may qualify as a Substantial Improvement.

I've received a Preliminary Substantial Damage Determination – now what?

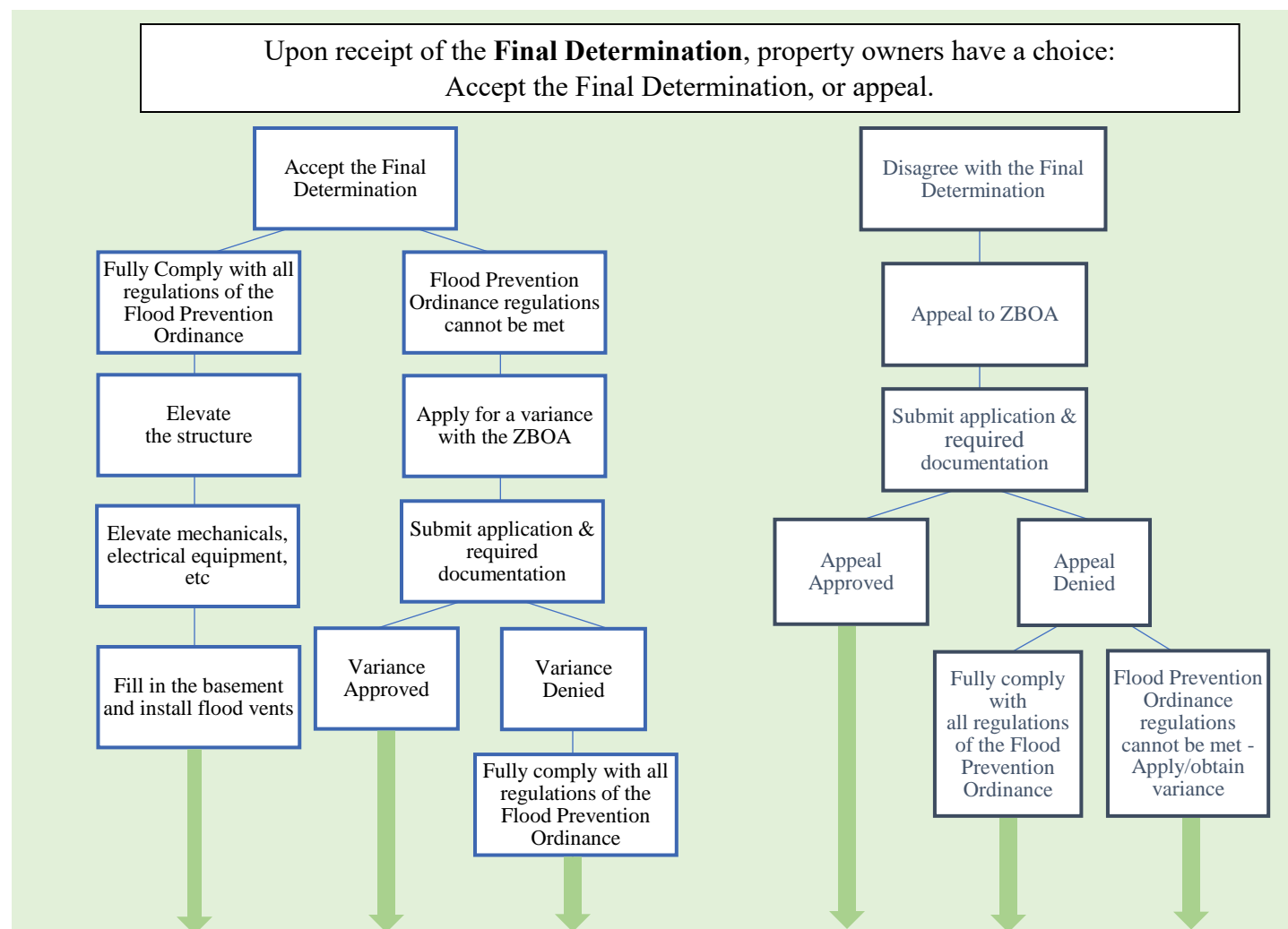
The preliminary assessment completed by the Construction Official or FPA has indicated that your property *may* be Substantially Damaged. The market value of the structure has been determined by the Flood Plain Administrator.

If you believe that your property was **assessed incorrectly**, you can submit an alternative means of determining market value (of the structure only) to the FPA for review.

If you believe that your property was **not Substantially Damaged**, you can submit your estimated repair costs to the FPA for review.

If you plan to make improvements along with repairs, the project may qualify as a Substantial Improvement. Contact the Construction Office and FPA to review your plans.

A **Final Determination** of Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement will be made by the Flood Plain Administrator which you may accept or appeal. The Final Determination will state whether the property will be considered Substantially Damaged/Improved (and subject to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance regulations). In cases where documentation is submitted to the Construction Office and the FPA, the Preliminary Determination may be rescinded.



OK to Proceed with Construction

OK to Proceed with Construction? Next Steps:

1. Obtain necessary permits from the Construction Office, including the Flood Hazard Area Development Permit
2. Proceed with repairs and renovations
3. Submit a copy of the Elevation Certificate
4. Schedule inspections with City inspectors
5. File for a Certificate of Occupancy

Renovate Smart, Be Resilient

Consider moving your mechanicals to an upper floor. If they cannot be moved, they can be elevated on platforms.

Install a sump pump with a battery backup that can run during a power outage.

Fill in the basement and add flood vents.

Keeping the basement? Install a French drain for easier water removal.

Repair with water resistant materials. Consider metal studs and sills or other wood-alternative materials.

The City will waive permitting fees for any proactive mitigation work that is completed.