# UNDERSTANDING YOUR FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY DECLARATIONS PAGE

## **DECLARATIONS PAGE BREAKDOWN**

The Declarations Page is a confirmation and summary of your National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance coverage. After you pay your flood insurance premium, the insurer that issued your flood insurance policy will send the Declarations Page to you, your agent and (if applicable) your lender via postal or electronic delivery.

Take note: Contact your flood insurance agent with questions or to update information.

#### **POLICY COVERAGES & ENDORSEMENTS**

This section includes details on your purchased coverage amount(s) and deductible(s). Before the NFIP pays for an insured loss, remember that:

- You must meet your listed deductible(s), or the amount of damage you will pay out of pocket at the time of loss; and
- The NFIP will pay to repair or replace covered flood damage items up to the coverage amounts purchased.

## **PREMIUM DETAILS**

This section breaks down your Total Annual Payment.



#### **FULL-RISK PREMIUM**

The Full-Risk Premium is based on your property's flood risk and the amount of coverage you purchased. It can include several premiums and discounts, such as:

- The Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Premium, which
  may provide coverage to bring your substantially damaged
  home or building into compliance with floodplain management
  laws or ordinances. To learn more about ICC coverage, visit
  fema.gov/floodplain-management/financial-help/increasedcost-compliance.
- Mitigation Discounts to recognize efforts that may have reduced your property's flood risk and premium. For mitigation examples, review the Mitigation Best Practices webpage at fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk/hazard-mitigationplanning/best-practices.
- The Community Rating System (CRS) Discount for residents
  of communities that participate in the NFIP's CRS program.
  The CRS program recognizes communities that complete
  mitigation activities beyond minimum floodplain management
  requirements. Review answers to frequently asked questions
  about the CRS discount at agents.floodsmart.gov/crs-faq.





# **Did You Know?**

To renew your policy and avoid any lapses in coverage or loss of certain premium discounts, your insurer must receive your premium within 29 days of the policy's one-year expiration date. Your NFIP policy expires at 12:01 a.m. on the policy expiration date.





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#### **DISCOUNTED PREMIUM**

The Discounted Premium is calculated by subtracting any Statutory Discounts from the Full-Risk Premium. Statutory Discounts (those required by laws or regulations) include:

- The Annual Increase Cap Discount, which limits how much your premium can increase every year that you renew your NFIP policy. This discount won't apply to your next policy term if your policy lapses, so it's important to pay your renewal premium on time.
- A Pre-Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Discount for older properties. The property must have a start of construction or substantial improvement date before Dec. 31, 1974—or before the date your community joined the NFIP. The Pre-FIRM Discount applies only to new policies. Learn more about flood zones and maps at floodsmart.gov/flood-zones-and-maps.
- The Newly Mapped Discount for properties that were recently mapped to a special flood hazard area (SFHA). To receive this discount, your policy must be purchased within 12 months of the new flood map's effective date.

If you have questions about the discounts that appear on your Declarations Page, contact your NFIP insurance agent or provider.



# **Don't Delay!**

Outdated property or lender information may delay claim payment processing. Please contact your NFIP insurance agent or provider immediately if your property or lender information needs to be updated.



#### **FEES & SURCHARGES**

The NFIP requires policyholders to pay fees and surcharges annually, including:

- The Reserve Fund Assessment, a set amount charged to all policies for NFIP losses or expenses such as reinsurance.
- The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act (HFIAA) Surcharge, a \$25 fee for primary residences or \$250 for all other properties. This flat fee helps cover costs associated with subsidized premiums.
- A Federal Policy Fee, a cost all policies pay for NFIP administrative expenses.
- The Probation Surcharge, a \$50 charge for each property in NFIP communities that are on probation for failing to carry out their NFIP responsibilities.

## **LOCATION & PROPERTY INFORMATION**

This section describes your property's location and the details used to establish a premium.

## LENDER INFORMATION

If applicable, this section will list information for any relevant lenders.

To learn more about the NFIP, policies and mitigation efforts, visit **floodsmart.gov** or review the NFIP Summary of Coverage at **agents. floodsmart.gov/nfip-summary-of-coverage**.

If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

This flyer can be found online at agents.floodsmart.gov/declarations-page-flyer.



