

## MANAGING SUFFOLK'S FLOOD RISK

**Suffolk's Flood Risk Management Strategy** is an important new tool to help everyone understand and manage flood risk within our county. The strategy summarises information on the risk of all types of flooding in Suffolk and ways to manage that risk.

The activities identified in this strategy can only manage flood risk. It would not be possible, even if there was unlimited money available, to protect all properties from any flood risk. Instead efforts need to be made by all involved, organisations and householders alike, to help reduce flood risk in practical ways.

- Keep watercourses free from debris and unnecessary structures. Talk to Suffolk County Council if you want to put in a culvert or any other structure in a watercourse.
- Avoid paving over your garden unless you use suitable permeable surfaces.
- Help to keep rain water out of the drains by using water butts, green roofs, rain gardens, etc.
- Don't wash cement, fats and oils down your drain as this can block them increasing the risk of flooding.
- If you are building a property, talk to your local council about sustainable drainage at the earliest possible stage.
- If you have flood defences on your land, consider whether you can help to maintain them. Speak to Suffolk County Council if you need help.
- Be aware of the risk of flooding in your area. If you are at risk, sign up for flood warnings and keep a watch out for weather warnings. Prepare a plan of what you will do if a flood is forecast.

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