

Flooding

A flood occurs when a large amount of water covers normally dry ground. Flooding usually happens as a result of precipitation (rain or snow).

There are areas around bodies of water that are naturally designed for floods. These *flood plains* are flat areas alongside a body of water.

Timeline

Precipitation occurs

Storms bring rain, snow, sleet, or hail

Water fills the ground

The ground becomes saturated, or clogged with water

Water gathers above ground

Water collects on top of the ground, and puddles form

Areas are underwater

Water sits and flows on top of large areas of land