



FIRMettes

A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that you create yourself online and are formatted to fit on printers commonly found in offices. There is no cost for making a FIRMette. FIRMettes can be used in all aspects of the NFIP including floodplain management, flood insurance, and enforcement of mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements.

You can make a FIRMette of any map in FEMA's inventory online using the FIRMette – Web tool. For those who prefer to work offline, FEMA also provides a FIRMette – Desktop tool that makes FIRMettes from FIRM Scan data you have copied to your computer.

FIRMette – Web

You will want to use the Web-based tool if you have a fast, reliable internet connection does not support easy download of large data files that is able to tolerate manipulation of large data files. For detailed instructions on how to create a FIRMette, try our [FIRMette Tutorial](#). To skip the tutorial and go right to creating a FIRMette, you must first [find a flood map](#), then click the View button associated with that flood map.

FIRMette – Desktop

You will want to use the Desktop tool if your internet connection does not support easy download of large data files, or you often work offline. First, you must download FEMA's [FIRMette Desktop software](#). Once you download the software, you may either go right to creating a FIRMette or try the tutorial.