COUNTY FLOOD SERVICES:

The first thing you should do when buying or renovating a house is to check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at all Gwinnett County Public libraries. You can also visit the Storm/Water/Sewer Plan Review Section, Department of Planning and Development, at One Justice Square, Suite 150, 446 West Crogan Street (across from the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center) to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. They can give you more information, such as depth of flooding over a building's first floor and past flood problems in the area. If requested, Storm/Water/Sewer Plan Review staff will visit a property to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the Department at 678-518-6000 or visit www.gwinnettstormwater.com. These services are free. If you are in a floodplain or have had a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem, check out the above sources for assistance.

FLOOD INSURANCE:

If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage.