How to make a FIRMette from the FEMA Map Service Center

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A FIRMette is an official copy of a small section of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It is suitable for making copies of the FIRM for distribution and flood zone determinations.

- 1. Go to the FEMA Map Service Center: <u>https://msc.fema.gov/portal.</u>
- 2. Enter an address and click on the search button.
 - A red pin will be placed at the address location.
 - To change the location, use the mouse wheel to scroll in or out, click and drag to pan the map. Click on the map in a different location, the pin will move and center the map on the pin.

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- 3. Click on the Dynamic Map icon to view or download the FIRMette.
 - A different view will be displayed based on the type of map published.
 - The first example is for the digital National Flood Hazard Layer
 - The second example is for paper maps
- 4. A new window will open with the map which can be downloaded and saved as a PDF.
 - The FIRMette is formatted to fit on a standard sheet of paper.



For communities with paper maps that are not digital:

- 1. Enter an address and click on the search button.
- 2. Click on the VIEW/PRINT FIRM icon.



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- 3. A new window will open showing the whole map.
- 4. In the lower right corner, use the "+" or "-" to zoom in or out; click and drag using the mouse to pan across the map.
- 5. Click on the button Create a FIRMette.



- 6. The Print Area is highlighted, using the mouse, move it to the appropriate location.
- 7. The print page size can be selected by clicking on the #1 Select Page Size button.
- 8. Click on the #3 Scale and North Arrow button and adjust as needed.
- 9. Click on the #4 Title Block button and adjust as needed.
- 10. Click on the #5 Preview FIRMette button to Create FIRMette.



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11. Click on the Preview button.



12. A pop up window will open showing the FIRMette. If it is correct, click the Download button to save it.



13. Select the format to save the map as a PDF or a PNG file.

14. When it has downloaded, open the file.

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- 15. The FIRMette will open in a new browser window.
- 16. Click the Download button and navigate to a location to save the map or print the map.



Additional data is available from the Map Service Center.

- The official map panel number and map date are shown.
- The whole map panel can be viewed and saved.
- Letters of Map Change can be viewed and saved.
- Other available products can be viewed and saved.

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- Available data includes:
 - Each FIRM panel including the index
 - The Flood Insurance Study Report
 - o Letters of Map Change LOMR, LOMA, and Revalidations
 - o The National Flood Hazard Layer GIS data by State or County
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 - Pending Products if there is new data due to become effective
 - o Historic Products, including FIRMs, FIS Report, and LOMCs
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 - If a folder is of gray type, there is no data available

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