



Public Information Notice
Requirements for Newton County

ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT requires a Floodplain Development Application to be completed and processed prior to start of construction. This includes Floodplain Zone inquiries, New Construction, Mobile Homes, Tiny Homes, Portable Buildings, and Substantial Improvements.

Newton County wants to help protect our residents from loss of life and damage to property.

This process will determine any additional requirements relating to your site location and proposed development.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Like most counties in Texas, Newton County has a Flood Damage Prevention Order, originally enacted in 1998.

A Floodplain Development Application shall be completed for ALL new development prior to start of construction.

BUILDING PERMITS

Newton County does not require building permits. Codes that are in effect were adopted in 2000 by the International Residential Code (IRC) and 1999 National Electric Code (NEC).

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MOBILE HOMES

Newton County does not require a Permit to move a mobile home currently. Manufactured homes are allowed. However, Newton County does require a Floodplain Development Application be completed for ALL new development, including Mobile Homes, Tiny Houses, or Portable Buildings prior to placement.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

There are standard rules for installation of septic systems. For information, or onsite sewer/septic system specifications and inspections, contact Jasper/Newton Public Health District at (409)384-6829, extension 247.

CELL TOWERS

There is not permit or zoning in Newton County for cell phone towers currently.

For a Floodplain Development Permit Application or questions, please contact:

Newton County Office of Floodplain Administration at (409)379-5691 or (409)527-5050, P.O. Box 1217, Newton, TX 75966.

Email: floodplain@co.newton.tx.us or Elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us.

Nothing in this notice should be construed to alleviate you of any legal responsibility which you may have to obtain authorization from any other local, state, or federal governmental entity.