

FIRMette Instructions

These instructions explain how to access and print portions of FIRMs, called FIRMettes, using the FEMA Web site.

NOTE: Allow some time for the computer to update after each selection. Some of the files are very large.

1. Go to www.fema.gov.
 2. Select [FEMA Flood Map Store](#).
 3. Select [Catalog](#).
 4. Select [FEMA Issued Flood Maps](#).
 5. #1 - Select a [State](#).
 6. #2 - Select a [County](#).
 7. #3 - Select [Community](#).
 8. #4 - Select [Find FEMA Issued Flood maps](#).
 9. Select the Index panel or panel you want.
 10. Select [View](#) on the above selection.
 11. When the panel is visible, use the Zoom tools as need to select a portion of the map.
 12. Select the [Make a FIRMette](#) button. Map must be zoomed out 100% (Maximum).
 13. Select the paper size.
 14. You will see three green boxes:
 - The large box will identify the portion of the FIRM you want for the FIRMette. The box dimensions are determined by the size of paper you selected in the previous step. Note the colored interior between the green lines, indicating that the box is active. Move the box to set the FIRMette boundaries.
 - The two smaller boxes are intended to capture the "Title Block" and "North Arrow" portions of the printed FIRMette. You may have to adjust the positions of the smaller boxes to ensure you capture all of the information. Select and position each box separately. Press the appropriate button on the left to make the Title Block or North Arrow active, then move the box as needed.
 - To be totally correct, you must include all three print areas: (1) the area of the FIRM you wish to print, (2) the Title Block with panel number and date, and (3) the North arrow and scale.
- REMINDER: You must be zoomed completely out in order to activate and move the colored boxes
15. Select the format you wish to use in printing—Adobe or TIFF. (Adobe is the usual choice.)
 16. Select "Save Your FIRMette".
 17. Select "Open". You will see an Adobe version of your final product.
 18. Select "Print" if you intend to print the FIRMette.
 19. Select "Save" if you want to also save a copy of this FIRMette. Do this step after you have received your printed copy.

Printed FIRMettes are legal documents recognized by FEMA, as noted in the statement under the Title Block. A FIRMette can be used for any purpose formerly served by a paper panel.