



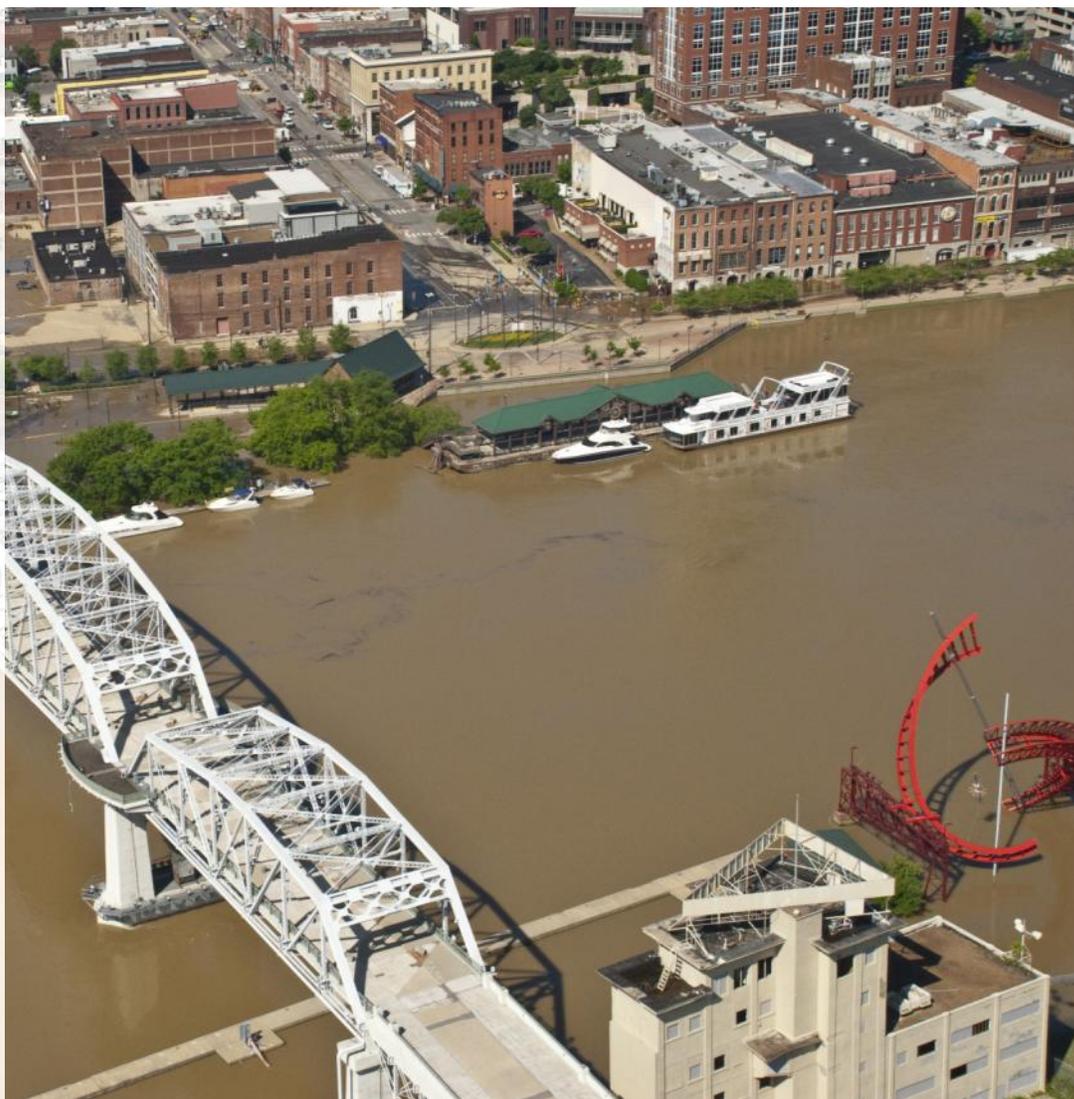
# Metro Codes

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## Metro Nashville Recovers From Flood of the Century



Owners of flood-damaged single family residential properties may be able to receive their flood repair permits online, with no visit to the Codes department required.

[Apply for Single Family Residential Flood Repair Permits](#)

## Nashville Is Back

*Nashville Recovers From Worst Flood In Modern History*

### Codes Issued More Than 2,366 Residential Flood Building Permits

*New Online Feature Streamlines Permitting Process*

As of June 21, 2010, more than 2,366 residential flood repair permits have been issued and 279 are pending since May 2, 2010, as many owners of flood-damaged residential properties begin the rebuilding process. The department has also issued 271 commercial flood repair permits during this same period.

More than 10 percent of these permits have been issued online through the expanded online code permit system launched last month to meet the needs of thousands of homeowners who have been affected by the recent flood.

Owners of flood-damaged one and two-family residential properties located in Davidson County may apply for, receive and print their flood-repair permits online, without having to visit the Codes Department. Affected property owners can learn more and apply online via a link at <http://www.nashville.gov/flood>. The fee for flood-repair permits is being waived up to \$1,300 for permits issued through July 30.

Flood victims that need help in navigating the rebuilding process can meet with a housing coach one-on-one at the Metro Office Building (800 Second Ave. South) in the Donelson Room located on the second floor. The deadline to apply for aid from FEMA and the SBA is July 6.

The recent flood damaged approximately 11,680 Nashville properties, which are now in need of repair. **A building permit and building inspections are required for flood damage repairs.** Initially, the new online feature is available to

homeowners affected by the flood whose properties are not in the floodplain, and those in the floodplain whose properties have been assessed by a Metro Water Services' contractor and their homes were found to have damage worth less than 40 percent of their assessed value. As assessments by Metro Water Services continue, additional homes will be added to the online permit system.



Approximately 5,850 properties, or 50 percent of the total affected by the flood, are located outside of the 100-year floodplain. Owners of these properties are immediately eligible to receive a building permit and are encouraged to move forward with repairs. If your property is located within the 100-year floodplain, before a building permit can be issued, it must first be determined: 1) If your property is

located within the floodway (the most dangerous part of the 100-year floodplain); 2) If the structure sustained damage greater than 50% of its appraised value; and 3) If the first floor of the property meets federal elevation standards.

A flyer about who is eligible for a building permit is available for download online at [http://www.nashville.gov/flood/docs/Building\\_Permit\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.nashville.gov/flood/docs/Building_Permit_Flyer.pdf). Additional information about the permit and inspection processes are available at this link [Flood Repair Permit Information](#).

In a typical year, the Department of Codes and Building Safety issues approximately 10,000 building permits as well as approximately 40,000 trade permits associated with the installation of electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems.

Residential Flood Repair Permits Issued As of June 21, 2010		Number	%
Total Issued Permits Since May 2, 2010		2366	100
	Walk in Permits—CARL	2074	87.66
	Online Permit—CARM	292	12.34
Total Pending Permits Current			
	Walk in Permit—CARL	TRL= 279	
Total Denied Permits Current			
	Walk in Permit—CARL	0	

## Facts Released on Metro Nashville’s Development of a Hazard Mitigation Home Buyout Program

The Recovery Team today released a document entitled “[Facts on Metro Nashville’s Development of a Hazard Mitigation Home Buyout Program in Response to the May 2010 Flood.](#)” The document is attached and will be posted online at [www.nashville.gov/flood](http://www.nashville.gov/flood).

This document is intended to outline the policy and process Metro Government is using to develop a home buyout program, which will help reduce the loss of life and property from any future significant flood event in Davidson County.

As described in the document, additional information about the buyout program, including the final list of properties that will be offered to participate in the initial phase of the buyout program, will be released in the near future.

**Update:** Metro Water Services has identified 305 properties eligible for the initial buyout program. Letters have been mailed to the owners of eligible properties informing them of the program and requesting a Letter of Interest be returned to Metro Water Services by August 1, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.nashville.gov/water/buyout/index.asp>

## Mayor Announces K. R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is Back in Service *Metro Officials Thank Residents and Businesses for Their Conservation Efforts*

After 27 days of assessment and repair, Mayor Karl Dean today announced that the K.R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is back in service. Critical repairs to the water treatment plant, which received substantial damage during the May flood, were completed this morning.

The plant is once again providing safe drinking water to the community and will operate at half capacity while final repairs are conducted. The second half of K.R. Harrington is expected to be operational later this summer.

The total cost of repairs to K.R. Harrington is expected to reach approximately \$42 million. The flood water destroyed the electrical systems and computerized monitoring system within the plant, flooded pumps and motors, and contaminated basins and storage wells at the facility – critical portions of which have now been restored.

“This is a major step forward in our city’s recovery process,” Mayor Dean said. “K.R. Harrington was one of the most significant public infrastructure losses our city suffered during the flood, and the need to conserve water has had a real impact on our citizens and businesses. Getting the water plant back online is a sign of our steady progress in getting the city back to normal. I applaud Metro Water Services staff for their tireless effort over the last month. Their hard work is no doubt the No. 1 reason we were able to put the water plant back in service this quickly. And I

applaud our citizens and business owners for their conservation efforts and patience during this time.”



After extensive disinfection and sampling, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) gave Metro Water Services written authorization to place K.R. Harrington back in service.

“Metro Water Services has worked tirelessly to get the K.R. Harrington water plant properly disinfected and back online,” said TDEC Commissioner Jim Fyke. “We appreciate their hard work, and the patience of all Metro Water customers who diligently conserved water to ensure an adequate supply of clean water for the city.”

Metro Water Services will notify irrigation customers when their service is restored. Car washes in Davidson County have been allowed to return to normal operating hours.

“I appreciate the public’s support in conservation efforts,” Potter said. “And I encourage our customers to continue to use our water supply responsibly as we continue work to bring K.R. Harrington back to full-scale operation.”

Potter said he also extends great appreciation to the many contractors whose assistance was invaluable in this process.

<b>Commercial Flood Repair Permits Issued As of June 21, 2010</b>		Number
Total Issued Permits Since May 2, 2010		271
Total Pending Permits Current		
	Walk in Permit—CACL TRC=	50
Total Denied Permits Current		
	Walk in Permit—CACL	0

## Obtaining Permits Associated With The Repair Of Flood Damaged Homes

**A building permit is required** prior to making repairs to flood damaged homes and buildings. While building permits are not required for ordinary maintenance and repairs, the repair of a flood damaged home or building is far from 'ordinary'.

While there are no permits required to do the "demolition" and "clean-up" associated with the project (the removal of drywall and damaged carpet, doors, etc.), a building permit is required prior to installation of the drywall and prior to repair of any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical (HVAC) system damage.

### How does a building permit benefit the Homeowner?

In a word: SAFETY. A building permit and the inspections that accompany a permit protect you, your family and guests, and future owners. It protects your neighbor. It protects your contractor. It protects the city. Evidence of permits and inspections may be required in an insurance claim or property sale. All of this adds up to a protection of your property's value.



### Who can obtain Building Permits?

A property owner who presently occupies or intends to occupy a single-family residence or a licensed contractor may obtain a building permit to construct or repair a residence.



[Schedule your inspections via phone after your permit has been issued](#)  
[Additional Information](#)

## Obtain a Permit

### On-Line Permit — [Obtain Residential Flood Repair Permits On-line](#)

Property Owners who presently occupy or intend to occupy the residence and want to do the repair work themselves may use our new on-line permitting system. This system can be used from any computer which has access to the internet.



[On-Line Instructions](#)



[Schedule your inspections via phone after your permit has been issued](#)

### In Person Permit — [Flood Permit Application Process](#)

You or your contractor can come to the Department of Codes Administration on the Third Floor of the Metro Office Building located at 800 Second Avenue, South to apply in person for the building permit. The Permit Division phone number is 615 862-6517.

## Cummins Chooses Nashville for Consolidated Customer Care Center



Cummins Inc. (NYSE: CMI) has signed a lease with SmartSpace, LLC to open a consolidated customer care center in Nashville by the end of 2010. The center, which is projected to bring more than 200 new jobs to the metropolitan area, will be located at Two Rivers Corporate Centre, on McGavock Pike, just north of the Opryland Hotel.

Cummins employees from existing centers in Memphis and Cookeville, Tenn. and from Columbus, Ind. will be relocating to Nashville to kick off the operation, with additional team members being hired from Nashville as the new center grows. Nashville currently is home to Cummins Business Services and the Company's Filtration business.

"We chose Nashville from among two dozen cities based on several factors, including its talented workforce, strong infrastructure, and overall quality of living," said Executive Director of Cummins Business Services Jim Schacht. "We wanted a city with a population of 1-3 million people that offered a stable economy, a dynamic workforce, and ease of accessibility and Nashville offers all of that."

The customer care center will respond to calls from Cummins customers throughout the United States. "By consolidating our multiple contact centers into one location, we hope to reach higher levels of customer service and consistency of care," said Schacht.

"I am extremely pleased that Cummins chose Nashville out of two dozen cities for its new consolidated customer care center and the creation of 200 high-quality jobs," Nashville Mayor Karl Dean said. "The company already has a significant presence

here and the decision to expand is a statement about Nashville's appeal as a city in which to do business and locate employees."

"SmartSpace is pleased to welcome Cummins to Two Rivers Corporate Centre, in the Donelson community of Nashville," said Vice President Jay Rosenblum. Jim Smith of Cassidy Turley in Nashville and Marc Marier of Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler in Chicago represented Cummins in the 40,000 square foot lease transaction.

### About Cummins

*Cummins Inc., a global power leader, is a corporation of complementary business units that design, manufacture, distribute and service engines and related technologies, including fuel systems, controls, air handling, filtration, emission solutions and electrical power generation systems. Headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, (USA) Cummins serves customers in approximately 190 countries and territories through a network of more than 500 company-owned and independent distributor locations and approximately 5,200 dealer locations. The Company reported net income attributable to Cummins Inc. of \$428 million on sales of \$10.8 billion in 2009. Press releases can be found on the Web at [www.cummins.com](http://www.cummins.com).*

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**Save The Date October 2nd  
Codes Announces  
Annual Golf Tournament**

The 14th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course.

Last year's tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in \$23,000 being donated to local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

This year, all proceeds will again go to the MECCC for the benefit of local charities, Easter Seals Camp Programs and the Harris-Hillman School.

