How to Make a FIRMette

A FIRMette is a paper copy of a user defined portion of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) created from your computer. Follow the steps below to create a FIRMette:

Step 1: Go to http://web1.msc.fema.gov/MSC/ (Address is case sensitive.)

Step 2: Click on the “FEMA Flood Map Store” Icon.

Step 3: Click “Catalog.”

Step 4: Select the product you wish to view. (“FEMA issued Flood Maps” for this example)

Step 5: Select “Online” Media Type.

Step 6: Sequentially select the State, County or Parish, and Community name. Click on “Find FEMA issued Flood Maps!”

Step 7: Choose the panel that you wish to view, and click on the green button next to it. (If there is no green button, the FIRM is not available for viewing.)

Step 8: A new window will appear. Click on the blue “Make a FIRMette!” button.
**Step 9:** Choose your paper size. (The default size is 8.5 X 11.)

**Step 10:** Move the pink box to cover the area you wish to print.

**Step 11:** If you wish to reposition the title block or north arrow, click the appropriate button to the left and then drag the pink box. (They will be centered by default.)

**Step 12:** Choose either Adobe PDF or TIFF image.

**Step 13:** You will see your FIRMette on the screen. Click the “Save Your FIRMette” button to save to your computer. (Saving allows you to go back any time and print more copies without going through all of the steps again.)

**Step 14:** Once saved to your PC you can double click on the FIRMette to open it in your local viewer. Print your FIRMette! (Remember to set the layout of your printer to landscape.)

If you are having trouble creating your FIRMette, go to http://map1.msc.fema.gov/res/fema/help/help.htm for online help or call the Map Service Center at (MSC) at 1-800-358-9616.