How to Make a FIRMette

A FIRMette is a legal to-scale copy of a portion of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). FIRMettes can be printed in either letter, legal or 11” x 17” size. They can be saved as either Adobe pdf files or as image files (tiffs).
To make a FIRMette:

1. Go to *http://msc.fema.gov*.

2. Click on *Product Catalog*

3. Click on either *Latest Available Flood Maps* for the current effective FIRM or *Historic Flood Maps* for past effective FIRMs.

4. Enter the *State*, *County* and *Community* using the pull downs.

5. Click on *Get FEMA Issued Flood Maps*.

6. Click on the green circle under *View* to look at the appropriate FIRM panel. If you are unsure of the appropriate FIRM panel, use the Index Panel (panels with IND in number) to determine it.

7. Click on *Make a FIRMette.*

8. Click on the needed page size.

9. Click, hold and drag the pink square over the area to be printed. The area to be printed will be larger based on the page size chosen. It will still be to scale.

When making a FIRMette, the map scale, north arrow and title block will automatically be placed on the FIRMette. However, the green areas covering them can be moved by clicking on either *Scale and North Arrow* or *Title Block* and using the same process outlined in Step 9.

10. Click on either *Adobe pdf* or *Image File*. Adobe pdf files can be of a more manageable size than Image Files.

11. Click on *Save Your FIRMette* and either open or save the document.

12. Print the FIRMette.