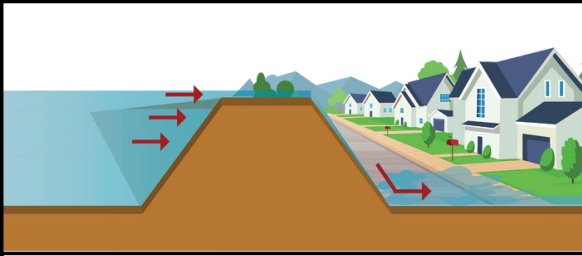

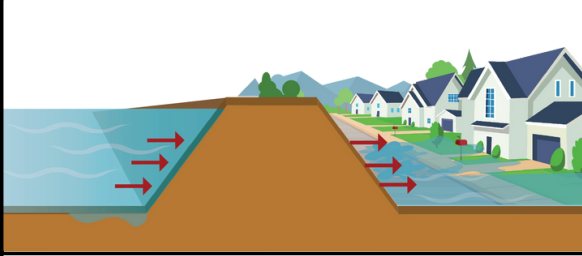
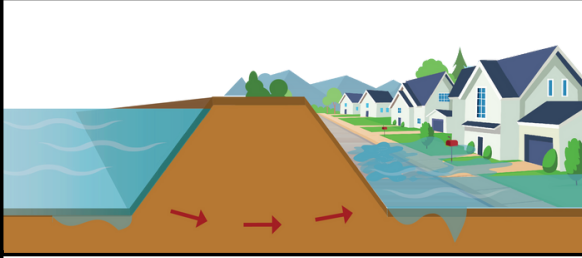



# Learn about levees

**Levees are designed to block water from going where you don't want it to go. No levee is flood proof. During a flood, a levee may threaten to breach or fail creating a risk to those who live behind the levee.**

**If a levee is threatening to fail, you may see any of the following:**

<p><b>Overtopping is where floodwater rises higher than the levee and flows over the top</b></p>	
<p><b>Water close to the top of the levee, where waves from floodwater are at risk of overtopping the levee</b></p>	
<p><b>Seepage of floodwater through the levee to the dry side</b></p>	
<p><b>Seepage of floodwater from the foundation of the levee</b></p>	
<p><b>Seepage of floodwater around a pipe through the side of the bank</b></p>	

**A levee may remain stable with these faults and just continue slowly leaking. Or, a fault can weaken the levee and result in a sudden or part levee failure. Water can flow very quickly when a levee fails, placing people and property at risk requiring evacuation of some areas.**

**Please don't drive, walk or play on levees. Look after our levees, so our levees can look after you.**