

# Definition of Flood

## Section 1 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010

1. (1) "Flood" includes any case where land not normally covered by water becomes covered by water.
  - (2) It does not matter for the purpose of subsection (1) whether a flood is caused by -
    - (a) heavy rainfall,
    - (b) a river overflowing or its banks being breached,
    - (c) a dam overflowing or being breached,
    - (d) tidal waters,
    - (e) groundwater, or
    - (f) anything else (including any combination of factors).
  - (3) But "flood" does not include -
    - (a) a flood from any part of a sewerage system, unless wholly or partly caused by an increase in the volume of rainwater (including snow and other precipitation) entering or otherwise affecting the system, or
    - (b) a flood caused by a burst water main (within the meaning given by section 219 of the Water Industry Act 1991).