

Tackling flood risk

Sewer flooding

The Water companies lead on managing this flood risk and produce Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans setting out how they will do this. Thames Water, who manage the wastewater for London, published their draft plan in 2022. The final version will be published in May 2023.

Thames Water also commissioned a Thames Water Independent London Flood Review published in stages in 2022.

We continue to work with an integrated approach to reducing flood risk, from reducing surface water flood risk through urban greening and sustainable drainage, to supporting Thames Water in ensuring that sufficient sewerage capacity is built into new development.

We're also working with the Greater London Authority and Environment Agency to look at how we can protect vulnerable communities.

Reservoir Flood Risk

England has an excellent reservoir safety record, and there have been no dam breaches resulting in the loss of life since 1925 and after reservoir safety legislation was first introduced in 1930.

Reservoir safety is now regulated through the Reservoirs Act 1975 (RA75), as amended by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. RA75 applies to "large raised reservoirs" – i.e. reservoirs which store more than 25,000m³ above ground level, equivalent to about 10 Olympic swimming pools.

There are around 7 in London. Reservoir owners are responsible for on site plans and Local Authorities for off site plans. [Reservoirs: owner and operator requirements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/Reservoirs_owner_and_operator_requirements_-_GOV.UK.pdf)