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Flood Hazard

THIS INFORMATION COULD SAVE YOU MONEY!

The City of Pompano Beach

Know Your Zone

Everyone should know their flood zone! Call the City Building Division at 954.786.4669, or email floodzoneinfo@copbfl.com to find:

- If a building is in a Special Flood Hazard Area or not.
- If a property is subject to erosion.
- If the site area has local drainage problems, especially during a heavy rain storm.
- If the property is in an area that has had flood insurance claims filed repeatedly.
- If there is an elevation certificate on file for a building.
- How to access the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City. A new set of maps for areas near tidal water bodies went into effect on July 31, 2024.
- If your flood zone changed since the last time you checked. Flood zones are not permanent.

Flood Safety Measures

- Obey evacuation orders from officials. Evacuation orders are issued for imminent storm surge, not wind.
- Know your evacuation zone and route, and shelter locations. Find this information on the Pompano Beach website at PompanoBeachFL.gov/floodinfo
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can travel through water.
- Do not drive on flooded roadways. Water covered roads may be indistinguishable from canals or ponds.
- The Vulnerable Population Registry is for residents of Broward County who are disabled, frail, or have health issues, so emergency workers can be better prepared to respond

after a disaster. Register at Broward.org, call 311 or 954.831.4000 (TTY 954.831.3940). Registering is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or be placed on a priority list for emergency responders.

Flood Warning System

The City of Pompano Beach and Broward County depend on the National Weather Service (NWS) for impending flood notifications. The NWS will issue flood advisories at least six hours prior to expected heavy rainfall and possible flooding. The City has a flood warning plan to provide early warning to neighborhoods that might experience exceptional flooding. Broadcast methods include Comcast Government Access Channel 78. Watch The Weather Channel and have extra batteries on hand for a weather radio.

The City utilizes the CodeRED Emergency Notification system, which allows the City to notify residents and businesses via telephone, email and/or text of an impending emergency. Please keep the City informed of your current contact info for CodeRED. Go to the City's website at PompanoBeachFL.gov to find more information about CodeRED at the bottom of the page. You can also register by calling 954.786.4600.

Flood Insurance

Everyone in Florida should purchase a flood insurance policy to protect their building and/or its contents. Renters should purchase contents flood insurance.

- There is usually a 30-day waiting period after purchase before coverage takes effect.
- Your mortgage lender can make it mandatory to carry flood insurance on a building.
- Call your insurance agent today to purchase flood insurance. If you don't have an agent visit FloodSmart.gov or call 1.800.427.4661 for help. The City is available to assist at 954.786.4600.

Protect Your Property

- Place sandbags in strategic places around your property. They can slow down and divert flood waters.
- Elevate furniture and other household valuables and electrical appliances and equipment, or move them to higher floors.
- Re-grading your property to provide for better storage of stormwater runoff, installing an earthen berm around the perimeter, and elevating the building are good flood damage protection practices.

Before making any property modifications for flood protection, check with the Building Division to determine if a construction permit is required. Staff can offer suggestions and visit your site to offer property protection advice. If you see a project that does not have a permit sign, please contact the Building Division to report the possible violation.

Stormwater Management

Water from rain storms is managed through a system of pipes and drainage canals. Constant water flow through these, especially during heavy storms, is essential for flood damage protection in the City.

- City laws prohibit dumping trash in storm drains and waterways.
- Oils, lawn clippings and other substances should never be put down a storm drain.
- If you see someone improperly disposing of waste or trash into the storm drain system or waterways, please report violators to the Public Works Department at 954.786.4061.

Benefits of Natural Floodplains

Natural, pervious areas of the City typically collect and retain stormwater runoff during rainfall events. This can reduce the flooding levels within the developed areas of the City. These natural areas enhance the water quality of stormwater runoff by filtering it through the ground. Sand dunes are a natural asset that are nature's protection against inland flooding from waves and high tides accompanying major storms, and combat the effects of sea level rise. Protecting these natural areas is a shared responsibility. Keeping them clean benefits everyone! To learn more, go to the Broward County Public Library catalog, and search for Protecting Floodplain Resources: A Guidebook for Communities.

Sea Level Rise

The consequences of sea level rise in Pompano Beach may include the following impacts:

- Increased frequency of flooding in vulnerable coastal areas and inundation of inland areas.
- Socio-economic impacts such as displacement.
- Decreases in property values and tax base.
- Increases in insurance costs.
- Visit broward.org/climate/pages/default.aspx for more information about sea level rise.

Dear City of Pompano Beach Resident or Business,

For many people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Property losses due to flooding generally are not covered under most standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Whether your property is in a low or high-risk flood area, it can be insured at reasonable rates with a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance policy.

Because the City of Pompano Beach diligently works to carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding, most flood insurance policy holders are eligible to receive a 20% discount on their premiums. The City continues to work toward the goal of achieving even greater flood insurance premium discounts in the future.

FEMA is using a new methodology called Risk Rating 2.0 that reflects more variables to deliver flood insurance rates that are equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a building's individual flood risk. These variables include flood hazard types, distance from a flooding source, frequency of flooding, elevation, and the cost to rebuild a property. Currently, many policyholders with lower-value buildings are paying more than they should, and those with higher-value buildings are paying less than they should. For more information talk to your insurance agent, and go to FEMA.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating.

We would like to encourage you to consider flood insurance for your property as you prepare for the future. Please help us spread the word that flooding can happen anywhere and homeowners, renters and business owners should cover their property with flood insurance no matter their flood zone.

Sincerely,
Rex Hardin, Mayor

For More Information

- Go to the Broward County Emergency Management Department website at www.Broward.org/Emergency or call 954.831.4000.
- Visit the Pompano Beach website, PompanoBeachFL.gov then go to the Development Services Division page for flood information, or call 954.786.4600.
- Facebook and Instagram: City of Pompano Beach
- The Broward County Public Library has many flood-related documents. Search the catalog for “flood” and “FEMA”.

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