

## Know Your Zone

Everyone should know their flood zone! Call the City Building Division at 954.786.4670, or email the building address to [floodzoneinfo@copbfl.com](mailto: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.
- If your flood zone changed since the last time you checked. Flood zones are not permanent.

Find your evacuation zone at [Broward.org/Emergency](http://Broward.org/Emergency).

## 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/government/development-services/flood-information](http://PompanoBeachfl.gov/government/development-services/flood-information)
- 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/atrisk](http://Broward.org/atrisk), 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 or 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](http://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](http://FloodSmart.gov) or call 1.800.427.4661 for help. The city is available to assist at 954.786.4671.

## 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.

Some flood protection methods require a construction permit, so always call the Building Division before making any alterations to your property at 954.786.4670. 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 954.786.4637.

## 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. It is everyone's responsibility to protect these natural areas and keep them clean! 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](http://broward.org/climate/pages/default.aspx) for more information about sea level rise.



## For More Information

- Go to the Broward County Emergency Management Department website at [www.Broward.org/Emergency](http://www.Broward.org/Emergency) or call 954.831.4000.
- Go to the Pompano Beach website, [pompanobeachfl.gov](http://pompanobeachfl.gov) then go to the Development Services Division page for flood information, or call 954.786.4600.
- Twitter: @mypompanobeach
- Facebook: Pompano Beach City Hall.
- The Broward County Public Library has many flood-related documents. Search the catalog for "flood" and "FEMA".
- Or call City of Pompano Beach Sustainability & CRS Coordinator, Max Wemyss: 954-786-4671



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# Flood Hazard

*THIS INFORMATION COULD SAVE YOU MONEY!*



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, all flood insurance policy holders 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](http://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 businessowners should cover their property with flood insurance no matter their flood zone.

Sincerely,  
Rex Hardin, Mayor

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to be "Rex Hardin".

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