

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY

Of all the natural hazards that our community faces, none is more common or more significant than flooding. Like all communities in South Florida, Dania Beach is faced with flooding because of the region's significant rainfall and low topography. The fact that some properties are not designated as high-risk flood areas does not assure against the flood hazard. In fact, nearly 25 percent of flood insurance claims come from moderate to low-risk areas. These facts should make flood insurance an important consideration for everyone.

Only a few inches of water can cost thousands of dollars in damage to walls, floors, furniture, carpets, and appliances. This damage resulting from rising waters typically is not covered by homeowner's or renter's insurance policies. Fortunately, flood insurance for both building and contents is available to both property owners and renters.

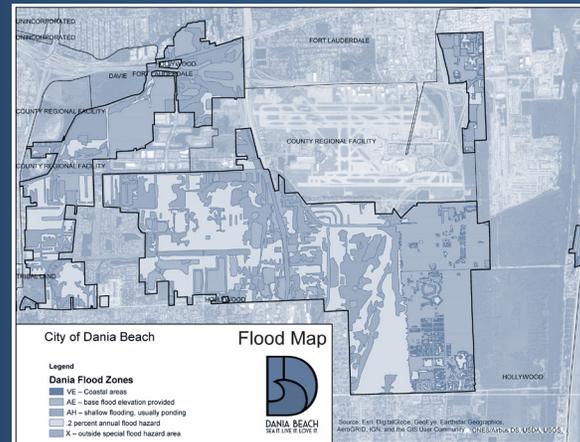
The cost of a policy depends on your flood risk. The City of Dania Beach works diligently to maintain a 5% reduction in flood insurance premiums for residents in all flood zones. The City is in the process of working to increase the reduction. Look for the discount on your flood insurance policy invoice.

We would like to encourage you to consider flood insurance for your property as you prepare for future contingencies.

To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. Additional information is available at FloodSmart.gov. You can also call the City at 954-924-6805 (press 1) for flood insurance advice.

ONLY STORM WATER DOWN THE DRAIN

- Please keep in mind that it is everyone's responsibility to insure that our waterways are kept clean.
- Oils, lawn clippings, cigarette butts and other substances should never be put down a storm drain.
- If you see someone improperly disposing of waste into the storm drain system or waterways, or any other illicit discharge, please call the Public Services Department at 954-924-6808.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to broward.org/emergency or call 954-831-4000.

Go to daniabeachfl.gov/flood or call 954-924-6805.

The Broward County Public Library has many flood-related documents. browardlibrary.org. Search the catalog for "flood" and "FEMA".



DANIA BEACH FLOODING

THE FLOOD HAZARD

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THEIR FLOOD ZONE!

Call the City of Dania Beach Community Development Division at 954-924-6805 (press 1) to find out:

- If a building is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area or not.
- If the property is in an area subject to erosion.
- If the property is in an area that has had flood insurance claims filed repeatedly.
- If the building is near an area that should be protected due to its natural floodplain functions.
- If there is a completed elevation certificate on file for a building.
- To learn how to access the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City.

FLOOD SAFETY

- 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 your evacuation zone at Broward.org/Emergency.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current can travel through water.
- Do not drive through flooded roadways. Roads may not be distinguishable from canals or ponds.
- Do not walk through flowing waters.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The City of Dania Beach and Broward County depend on the National Weather Service (NWS) for impending flooding notification. The NWS will issue flood advisories prior to expected heavy rainfall and possible flooding. Watch The Weather Channel and have extra batteries on hand for a weather radio.

The City also utilizes the CodeRED Emergency Notification system, which allows the City to notify residents via telephone of an impending emergency. All residents and businesses must keep the City informed of current telephone numbers for the CodeRED System.

Go to daniabeachfl.gov/codered to register.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Water from rain storms is managed through a system of pipes and drainage canals. Constant water flow through canals, especially during heavy storms, is essential to flood damage protection in the City. City and State laws prohibit dumping trash in waterways.

Please report violators to
Public Services
954-924-6808

PROPERTY PROTECTION

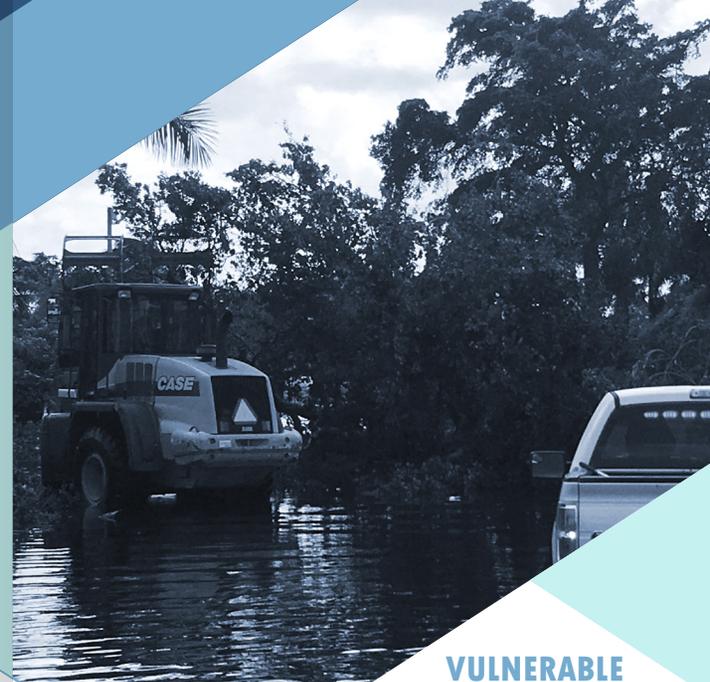
- Elevate furniture and other household valuables and electrical appliances, or move them to higher floors.
- Place sandbags in strategic places around your property.
- Regrading your property to provide for better storage of stormwater runoff, installing an earthen berm along the perimeter, and elevating the existing structure are good flood damage protection practices.

Some flood protection methods require a construction permit so always call the Community Development Division before making any alterations to your property at 954-924-6805 (press 1). Staff can offer suggestions and visit your site to offer property protection advice. Call the Public Services Department at 954-924-6808 (press 1) for property protection advice. If you see a project that does not have a permit sign, please contact the Building Division at 954-924-6805 (press 1) to report the possible violation.

BENEFITS OF NATURAL FLOODPLAINS

Natural areas of the City typically collect and retain stormwater runoff during rainfall events. These natural areas also enhance the water quality of stormwater runoff by filtering through the ground.

Sand dunes on the beach are nature's protection against inland flooding from waves and high tides accompanying major storms. 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".



VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY

The vulnerable Population Registration was designed as a joint partnership between cities and Broward County. The registry allows people who are disabled, frail or have health issues to register in advance so that emergency workers may plan a better response to vulnerable residents in a recovery effort following a hurricane or other emergency. Registering should not be considered as a guarantee that you will be provided services or be placed on a priority list for emergency responders; however, it will help us to be better prepared to respond after a disaster. To register visit broward.org/atrisk, call 3-1-1 or 954-831-4000.

FLOOD INSURANCE

- Everyone in Florida should purchase a flood insurance policy to protect their building and/or its contents, whether in a SFHA or not!
- Most homeowners' or renters' insurance policies do not cover property losses due to flood waters.
- Please note that there is usually a 30-day waiting period after purchase before coverage takes effect.
- The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which provides a discount on all flood insurance policies. Be sure to look for this discount on your policy invoice.
- Call your insurance agent today to purchase flood insurance. If you don't have an agent, go to FloodSmart.gov or call 1-800-427-4661 for help.
- The City is available to assist. Call 954-924-6805 (press 1).

