

# FLOOD PROTECTION

## Things you should know !!



The City of Plantation is constantly working towards improving our drainage system. These improvements will not only make our community safer in the event of a flood, but it will also help reduce flood insurance premiums. In order to achieve these objectives, we need your cooperation.

Even though your property may not lie within a flood hazard area, the following information and tips may be of interest to you. Please refer to this fact sheet in the event of an impending hurricane, tropical storm or notification of projected heavy rainfall. During extended periods of heavy rainfall, low-lying neighborhoods within the city are subject to flooding. This information is offered to help protect your property and reduce potential losses due to flooding.

### FLOOD HAZARD

Approximately 10% of the land area in the City of Plantation is located in a flood zone. Heavy rains from hurricanes and tropical storms bring the greatest potential for flooding in the city. In Plantation, flooding can occur from several inches of rainfall in a short time period, or from several days of continued scattered rainfall. Main drainage features are the South Florida Water Management District's North New River, C-12 and C-42 canals, and the Old Plantation Water Control District (OPWCD) canal system. These systems and their associated control structures and pumps are operated such that the risk of flooding is reduced. All properties within the City of Plantation regardless of flood zone designation are subject to flooding. All property owners should be prepared and aware of what can be done to protect their property. You may also request a review of potential flooding, drainage, and sewer problems. For flooding and drainage questions call the Engineering Department at (954) 797-2282 and for sewer problems contact the Utilities Department at (954) 797-2209. A site visit may be needed in some cases.



NATIONAL  
FLOOD  
INSURANCE  
PROGRAM

Federal Emergency Management Agency

### FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The most serious threat of general flooding is during the hurricane season (June through November). City of Plantation residents and business owners should tune to the City of Plantation radio station (1620 AM) and to the following TV and radio broadcasts and be alert to special local advisories. Local radio and TV stations will carry advisories for our area:

Television	AM Radio	FM Radio
<b>WFOR Channel 4</b>	<b>WQAM 560</b>	<b>WKIS 99.9</b>
<b>WTVJ Channel 6</b>	<b>WIOD 610</b>	<b>WBGG 105.9</b>
<b>WSVN Channel 7</b>	<b>WSRF 1580</b>	
<b>WPLG Channel 10</b>		

The Broward County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center and relays updates of threatening weather to government, media, hospitals and nursing homes. The City of Plantation is proud to launch Everbridge, a citizen notification system that will share information with residents such as road closures, emergency/severe weather info and more. Alerts can be sent via Facebook, Twitter, text, email, mobile phones, and/or landlines. To register to these alerts please call the Police Department (954) 797-2795 or visit the City's website for directions to the Plantation on the Alert web link. <https://www.plantation.org/government/departments/police-department/community-programs/everbridge-alerts>

### FLOOD SAFETY

Flood safety begins with being alert to the changing weather conditions that can bring floods. Safety includes having a personal/family evacuation plan and survival kit ready for use in the event of flooding. During the flood watch period, evacuation plans and survival kits should be reviewed in case a flood warning is issued. Other flood safety and preparedness measures are outlined in the "Hazardous Weather Resource Guide" available at the city's public library. In the event of a flood, turn off gas and electricity, avoid running water, do not wade through moving floodwaters and avoid driving through flooded areas. There are actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding:

Know the flood warning procedures.

Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees.

Keep away from floodwaters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.

Do not attempt to drive in flooded areas.

Evacuate the flood hazard area in times of impending floods or when advised to do so by the Police Department.



### FLOOD INSURANCE

Flooding is not covered by normal homeowners' insurance. You can protect your home and its contents from flood loss through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The federal government backs this insurance. Contact any licensed property or casualty broker for more information. The NFIP web site ([www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)) allows you to search for local brokers and agents known to be program participants. These local agents will provide information on available flood insurance coverage for your specific needs.



Check your policy to make sure it indicates the updated 2014 FIRM Zone.