

City of Bradenton Beach Flood and Hurricane Guide

Obtain a Flood Insurance Policy

Did you know... the standard insurance policy doesn't cover floods. There is a 30 day waiting period before coverage takes effect. Renters can buy content coverage-talk with a licensed insurance agent. **Don't wait until the next flood-get flood insurance.**

Flooding Will Happen

Know your areas flood risk; e.g. flooding, wind, erosion. Your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and is prone to flooding. Call the Building Department at 778-1005 ext. 278 and review the FEMA Rate Map to find out about your required elevation and flood zones.

Obtain Building and or Floodplain Permits

Before you add fill, shell or pavers to your property call the Building Department to see if a floodplain permit is necessary. Apply for building permits for any structural improvements and use only license contractors. Go to the Department of Business Professional Regulation website (DBPR) to see if a contractor is licensed at www.myflorida.license.com or call the Planning & Development Department at 778-1005 ext. 210.

City staff will conduct site visits at your property. Call our Public Works Department for options on drainage issues and the Planning and Development for flood proofing. Ask us about Financial Grant Assistance

or go to:

[State of Florida Emergency Management at http://www.floridadisaster.org/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/)

[Federal Emergency Management Agency at http://www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/)

[National Flood Insurance Program at http://www.floodsmart.gov/](http://www.floodsmart.gov/)

Understand the FEMA 50% Substantial Improvement Rule

If your structure is on grade (not elevated per FEMA's required elevation) than the cost of improvements cannot exceed 50% of the market value. Come view FEMA Insurance Rate Map to find out your elevation. Go to <http://www.fema.gov/> for more information or call us at the Planning and Development at 941-778-1005 ext. 278.

Protect the Environment

Don't dump pollutants into the storm drains; the pollutants will end up in Sarasota Bay. City code Sec. 26-1 states "depositing any sewage or chemicals into the stormwater system is prohibited".

Report all illegal dumping to Public Works 778-1005 ext. 212 or Code Enforcement ext. 225.

Use vegetation instead of pavement.

Install swales and rain barrels to contain water runoff.

Don't dump garbage or lawn debris in swales, channels or canals.

Take advantage of Manatee County e-scrap and hazardous waste Collection. For more information call 941-748-4501.

Stay off the sand dunes and beach vegetation, they provide habitat for plants and animals and reduces beach erosion.

Pay Attention to Flood and Hurricane Warnings

Evacuate when ordered. Curbside warnings will be conducted by law enforcement with a vehicle public address systems and via automated telephone notification for instructions on when to evacuate. Automated phone messages will be broadcasted by Manatee County Emergency Management.

Build for Permanent Protection

Consider elevating or relocating your structure above flood elevation levels. (*BFE Base flood Elevation*) Elevate utilities, fuse boxes, water heaters and AC units.

Label the fuse or breaker boxes.

Dry Floodproofing: sealing to prevent floodwaters from entering.

Building with flood-resistant material such as non-paper –faced gypsum board and terrazzo tile flooring (vs. traditional drywall and carpeted flooring).

Install flood Openings in crawlspaces and garages.

Install sewer backup valves to prevent sewer backup flooding; Board or shutter the windows.

Contact the Building Department for flood protection measures and permitting requirements 941-778-1005 ext. 278.

Prepare Your Property for Flooding

Clear the yard of loose objects

Keep a household inventory of contents

Elevate furniture

Know how to shut off electricity and gas

Have cleaning supplies ready

Move vehicles to higher ground

Move valuables to a safe area

Visit the Tingley Library for publications on flood, “Repairing Your Flooded Home” or visit <http://www.fema.gov/>

Get Sandbags. Sandbags can be obtained at G.T. Bray Park at 5502 33rd Ave. Dr. W (off 59th St W) For more information call Manatee County Parks and Recreation at 941-742-5923.

Protect Your Family for Flooding

Do not drive or walk in deep water

Stay away from downed power lines

Pay attention to evacuation orders

Develop a disaster plan and have a list of emergency numbers; go to www.redcross.org

Do not drive through road barriers

[For shelter and storm tracking information go to https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management](https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management)