

National Flood Insurance Program Grants

Weston a Class 7 Rating!

As of May 1, 2014 the City of Weston was upgraded to a Class 7 rating as a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.

FLOOD WARNINGS

The City of Weston in coordination with Broward County has a warning system to notify residents of impending flood danger. Warnings will be transmitted on television, radio, telephones and other media. Listen for instructions during times of flood risk.

FLOOD SAFETY

Even if your area is not known for flooding or not directly hit by heavy winds, flooding is a potential threat. Knowing what to do to minimize losses is paramount. These are precautionary steps:

- Turn off electricity and natural gas.
- Have a battery-powered radio or television to monitor storm and flood warning information.
- Heed warning and evacuation instructions from disaster officials. Weston is not in an evacuation zone but residents may need to go to a shelter, or evacuate in a disaster.
- Take your own essentials (food, toiletries, clothes, etc.) Be careful to distinguish between roads and canals during severe flooding.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

There are numerous ways to minimize property losses from flood damage, including:

- Move furniture and other household valuables to rooms or spaces in the upper story of the dwelling or a location higher than the regular floor elevation.
- Park your car on high ground, preferably inside a garage or shelter.
- Cut down loose tree limbs and palm fronds. Check around outside of home, securing anything that could become airborne in a storm.
- Secure windows, putting up storm shutters or boards.

A detailed list of how to survive a storm is available on the City's web site at www.westonfl.org.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most homeowner insurance policies DO NOT cover loss due to flooding. You need a flood insurance policy. Property owners can insure buildings and contents; renters can insure possessions. The City of Weston participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to provide city residents with the initial qualification to purchase flood insurance and qualifies properties in Weston for up to a 15% discount dependent upon your flood zone classification. Contact your insurance agent for details.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

All development, including new construction, repair/replacement work and additions, signs, fences, fill and tree removal requires a permit. Contact the Building Department at 954-385-0500.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater is managed through a system of drainage catch basins, lakes and canals maintained regularly by our Public Works Department. Water flow, especially during heavy storms, is essential to flood prevention. City and state laws prohibit dumping in waterways. Please report violations to the police department at 954-765-4321 or Public Works at 954-385-2600.

All residents and businesses in Weston qualify for National Flood Insurance Program policies. A 15% discount may be received due to Weston's participation in the Community Rating System dependent upon the zone your property is in

For additional information please feel free to contact our Public Works Department at 954-385-2600