



FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

Typically, there's a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase before your policy goes into effect.

Protect your Family and Property from Flooding

Flooding in Hallandale Beach

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THEIR FLOOD ZONE
Between 60-70% of the residents and businesses in Hallandale Beach reside within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as a result of the revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). However, even if you are not located in the SFHA, your property may be subject to flooding. Call the City at 954-457-1620 to find out which flood zone your property is located, if it is subject to coastal erosion, if it is in an area that has had flooding problems previously, or if it is located in an area that should be protected due to its natural floodplain functions. You can also go to the Broward County FEMA Flood Map website and type in your address to find your flood zone.

PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Homeowner's insurance policies typically do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded and those that are not in a flood zone. Because our community participates in the Community Rating System, you will receive a discount on the insurance premium. Look for the discount on your flood insurance bill.

- Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. Be sure you have contents coverage.
- If you rent or lease your home or business's building, you should protect the contents with a flood insurance policy.
- Don't wait for the next flood to buy flood insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage takes effect.
- Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage, or visit the www.FloodSmart.gov website to find an insurance agent and other valuable information.

KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE DURING A FLOOD EVENT

- Do not walk through flowing water! Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive through a flooded area! Don't drive around road barriers. Canals or ponds may not be distinguishable from roads.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires! Electrical current can travel through water.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes! Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.
- Look before you step! After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken glass and nails and can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks! Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Broward County provides valuable personal safety and driving precaution advice on the [Hurricane A to Z website](#).

CALL FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOOD DAMAGE City Staff will offer advice and visit properties upon request to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop or prevent flood damage. Please contact the City at (954) 457-1386. You should know what to do to minimize flood damage to your property. "Flood proofing" means making physical alterations to your building that improves the ability of property and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding. Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Construction of a small flood wall or earthen berm, or redirecting drainage to keep water away from the building is another example of property protection. Call the City at (954) 457-1386 for more information or search the Broward County Library catalog for "Flood" information.

BUILD RESPONSIBLY TO PROTECT YOUR AND YOUR NEIGHBORS' PROPERTY FROM FLOOD DAMAGE Always obtain a permit before you make any improvements to your property. Contact the Building Division before you alter or re-grade or before you perform any improvements to your property at 954-457-1390 or to report violations. Should you do any work without first getting a permit, a penalty of double the normal permitting fee plus a fine must be paid. To save time and money if you are unsure of whether or not a permit is required to perform specific work, the best advice is to call the Building Permit Clerk and discuss your plans with the City staff.

NATURAL FUNCTIONS OF FLOODPLAINS In the City of Hallandale Beach the beach and dune system is our first line of defense against storms because it acts as a buffer between the storm waves and coastal development. During hurricanes, storm waves encounter the beach and dunes before crashing into upland structures. In both Broward County and Hallandale Beach, there are many policies intended to protect coastal resources that could in turn decrease the risk from storm surge and flooding.

Hallandale Beach has taken an active role in sponsoring revegetation projects along the beaches of Hallandale Beach to restore and protect dunes, including planting of

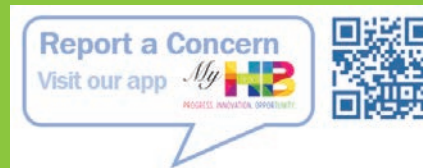
native grasses, shrubs and beach cover, construction of dune overwalks, and other related beach improvements. Help to keep our beautiful beach in its natural condition by observing the following rules:

- Sea oats and other beach plants help stabilize our sand dunes. Enjoy them, but don't pick them – it's illegal!
- Only walk on marked throughways when going to the beach to prevent dune and vegetative cover destruction.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE The Department of Public Works inspects the drainage system regularly and removes blockages that are found or reported. Even in the midst of flood events, this department's crews are inspecting drainage problem areas. If you see any blockages to the drainage system call the Stormwater Division at 954-457-1620.

When the drainage system is blocked, water from heavy rainfall can't drain properly and can then back up into yards and potentially damage your property. Help the drainage system do its job!

- If you live near areas where waters flow, you can help by keeping storm drain grates and the banks clear of brush and debris.
- If your property is near a catch basin, help keep the area clear of brush and debris.
- Swale areas are designed to collect the rain water. Do not damage the swales and keep them free of debris.
- If rain is predicted, put loose items inside that could potentially block the drainage system.
- It is a violation of our City Ordinances to dump debris of any sort, including grass clippings, into canals or storm drains. Report violations to the Code Compliance Division at 954-457-1390.



Go to the [City of Hallandale Beach Emergency Management website](#) to find out about:

- Current Emergency Alerts
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Important Emergency Contact Information
- Hurricane and Flood Warning Methods
- Nearest Shelter and Map
- Register for Emergency Notification System
- Hurricane Preparedness Resources
- Vulnerable Population Registration
- Special Needs Shelter Services and registration

Go to the [Broward County Hurricane website](#) for information you should know!

- Register with Broward County's Vulnerable Population Registry
- Review Emergency Preparedness for residents at Risk (includes an audio only version)
- 10-Step Family Plan
- Hurricane Kids
- Twitter Emergency Alert Service
- City Operated Radio Stations in Broward County
- TV-Radio Station Simulcasts
- Subscribe to Broward County Emergency Updates
- Find out ways you can volunteer to help
- Broward County Hurricane Preparedness Guide
- Generator-Ready Businesses
- Tips for before, during and after an emergency on every topic from A-Z

Please click on the links below for some useful tips:

[Storm Surge Can Be Deadly! 10 Tips to Be Ready](#)

[What to do Before, During and After a Flood Event and Valuable Resources](#)

If you are in an evacuation zone and an evacuation is ordered, you are required by law to evacuate. KNOW YOUR EVACUATION PLAN ZONE! [Broward County Evacuation Plan Map](#)