

FLOOD WARNING

In the event of an oncoming storm or flood emergency, tune into the City's radio station: 1620 AM. You should also monitor the Weather Channel and local news and have a NOAA weather radio on hand with extra batteries.

You can follow the city's social media for updates:

- Facebook: @CityofDelrayBeach
- Instagram: @cityofdelraybeachfl
- X (Twitter): @CityDelrayBeach
- YouTube: @cityofdelraybeachfl



We live in a coastal city. We must plan and be prepared for storm hazards, including flooding and storm surge.




Sign up for Alert Delray Beach the city's emergency automated notification system. You can register on the city's website at www.delraybeachfl.gov and click on "services".


The City of Delray Beach is proud to embrace a holistic and comprehensive approach to sustainable development and encourages residents and visitors to participate in these efforts. To learn more about the city's commitment to these initiatives and the implementation strategy, go to the Office of Sustainability and resilience website at


www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-manager/sustainability

or call the Public Works Department at (561) 243-7220.

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DELRAY BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT
FLOOD HAZARD

SEA LEVEL RISE

Challenges for Costal Areas

Sustainability includes mitigating and adapting to the numerous challenges posed by climate change, including sea level rise, and creating resiliency that will allow future generations to thrive and prosper in our beautiful city.

CITY SERVICES

To assist residents in understanding the flood hazard and its effects on construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the City offers the following services to residents: Know your Flood Zone. Call (561) 243-7200 for access to FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), to learn if a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, if you are required to carry flood insurance, if it may be affected by coastal erosion and or sea level rise, if it is in an area that has experienced historic flooding or has been flooded repeatedly, and to see if an Elevation Certificate is on file for a property.

City staff will give advice and visit properties upon request to review a flood problem and explain ways to help protect your property from flood damage. Some examples of property protection include elevating damage-prone components, constructing berms, grading for drainage and maintaining swales. Contact the city's Stormwater Office at (561) 243-7220 for more information about these free services.

Storm Water Drainage Maintenance

Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by improving water quality and minimizing street flooding. Services provided include annual cleaning of the City's drainage system and sweeping. Whether a hazardous spill or an illicit dumping is an accident or intentional, it is the responsibility of all of us to respond swiftly to protect the environment that surrounds our beautiful city, and all we need to do is pick up the phone! It is illegal to dump anything into the City's drainage system. If you witness such illegal behavior, please call the Code Enforcement Department at (561) 243-7219 immediately.

Help to keep storm drains and swales clean. To report a drainage problem, contact Public Works at (561) 243-7343.

BUILD RESPONSIBLY

Any development in the floodplain requires a building permit. Always check with the city before you alter, regrade, or bring fill onto your property to make sure you won't cause drainage problems for you or your neighbors.

Always check with the Planning, Zoning and Building Department before building, renovating or landscaping at (561) 243-7200.

PURCHASE A POLICY TODAY

The City of Delray Beach is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program allows property owners and renters to purchase flood insurance for their building and/or its contents. There is usually a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect. Call your insurance agent today, go to www.floodsmart.gov, or call 1-888-379-9531 to find an agent and to find out more about protecting your property from rising waters. You should consider the purchase of flood insurance whether your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area or not.

You can call the City of Delray Beach at 561-243-7220 for additional information that may be available related to NFIP flood insurance.

FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water!

Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths. If you must walk in water, use a pole or stick to see how deep the water is.

Do not drive through a flooded area!

More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers. Canals or ponds may not be distinguishable from roads.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires!

The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water.

Be Prepared!

Have an evacuation and shelter route planned before an evacuation order is issued. Do not wait until the last minute! Go to the Palm Beach County Emergency Management website at www.pbcGov.com/knowurzone for valuable info.

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.

