

## Flood Warning

In the event of an oncoming storm or flood emergency, the city's radio station, **1620 AM** will provide up-to-date information pertaining specifically to Delray Beach. You should also monitor the Weather Channel and local television channels and have a NOAA weather radio on-hand with extra batteries.

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

**Facebook:** Delray Beach Police; Delray Beach Fire-Rescue

**Twitter:** City of Delray Beach; Delray Beach Police

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 Environmental Services Department website at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) or call the Sustainability Officer at (561) 243-7200.

**Sign up for CodeRED, the city's emergency automated notification system.**

**You can register on the city's website at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) or by calling 561-243-7000 during regular business hours.**



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## **FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION**



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*Remember...*

*We live in a coastal city. You have to **plan** and be **prepared** for storm hazards, including flooding and storm surge.*

## Purchase a Flood Insurance 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 for flood insurance to take effect.

Call your insurance agent today or go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://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 for flood insurance advice at

**561-243-7200.**

## 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) 243-7294**.

## Sea Level Rise

Sea Level rise poses many challenges for coastal 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) and to learn if a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, if it may be affected by coastal erosion and/or sea level rise, or is in an area that has been flooded repeatedly, and to see if an Elevation Certificate is on file or 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. Contact the City's Building Department at **561-243-7200** for more information about these free services.

## Build Responsibly

Any development in the floodplain requires a building permit. Always check with the city before you alter, re-grade, 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**.

## Property Protection

It is very important that you know what to do to minimize or prevent flood damage to your property. Constructions of a small flood wall or earthen berm, or redirecting drainage to keep water away from the building are examples of property protection. Dry floodproofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Call the City of Delray Beach Building Department at **561-243-7200** for more information or search the Palm Beach County library for "Flood" information.

## 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](http://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.

## Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

In the City of Delray 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. You can 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!
- ◆ Observe our waterfront wildlife from a distance.
- ◆ It is unlawful to leave litter on the beach, except in proper trash receptacles for collection.