



FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Your home is in or near a flood hazard area and, as such, your property is at an increased risk of flooding. The city is susceptible to riverine and coastal flooding, as well as flooding from low lying areas. These conditions have caused widespread flooding in the past and, because of this, you are in a repetitively flooded area. The City of Nassau Bay wants you to be aware of ways you can protect yourself and your property for the next major flooding event.

- Get a flood insurance policy. Basic homeowners' insurance does not cover damage from floods. You can purchase flood insurance even if your mortgage doesn't require it or if you own your home outright. If you rent a home or apartment, you can buy a flood insurance policy for your contents. Ask your agent for details. Don't delay – there is a 30-day waiting period before a policy takes effect.
- Keep debris and trash out of the streams and ditches. It is illegal to dump any type of debris into a stream or drainage ditches. Debris can become entangled in culverts and streambeds and impede drainage that can cause the flow of water to back up. Call the Public Works Department at 281-333-4211 to report any dumping.
- Don't dump in the storm drains; they drain to Clear Lake/Galveston Bay. The city's storm drains help maintain the natural functions of the floodplains by providing storage for flood waters and keeping water out of urbanized areas. Floodplains also improve water quality by filtering out impurities from runoff. These areas need to be kept clean in order to do their job.
- Take the necessary precautions when it comes to protecting yourself from harm's way. Know the evacuation procedures for a flood and prepare a family evacuation plan. Shut off the electricity and all gas appliances before you evacuate.
- Check with the Building Department for rules on when it's okay to reenter your home and make repairs after a flood event. Projects that divert water onto other properties are prohibited. Play it safe and don't move dirt or sand without a permit. Permit information and copies of elevation certificates (if available) can be obtained at City Hall.
- Call or visit City Hall to get other flood-related information such as Flood Insurance Rate Map flood zone and floodway locations, past flooding data, and local drainage information.
- If you have flooded multiple times, City staff can provide you with information about grant opportunities to elevate your home. Call 281-333-4211 for more information.

Do you know how will you receive information and stay informed during a flood event? Stay connected to the City before, during, and after a flood by visiting www.nassaubay.com/nassaubayalerts for more information.