

Flood warning systems

- Curbside warnings may be conducted by law enforcement or fire department vehicle public address systems.
- Flood warnings can be received directly from the National Weather Service via NOAA Weather Alert Receivers available at local electronic stores.
- For emergencies extending outside of the City, Manatee County Emergency Management may warn geographical areas via an automated telephone notification system. If the County Emergency Operations Center is activated, current weather advisory, storm track and opened shelters are posted online at www.mymanatee.org.

Other Emergency weather sources

Television:

- Bay News 9
- WFTS 7
- WFLA 8
- WTSP 10
- WTVT 13
- MGA-TV 622 (BH)
- MGA-TV 30 (V), 20 (C)

Radio:

- WJIS-FM 88.1
- WYNF-FM 105.9
- WMTX-FM 100.7
- WFLA-AM 970
- WBRD-AM 1420
- WCTQ-FM 106.5
- WWPR-AM 1490

Caution in flooded areas

Drowning is the #1 cause of flash flood deaths, especially in automobiles. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you wish to walk in standing water, use a pole to determine the water depth. Flood waters may be contaminated with oil, gasoline or raw sewage and may cause serious health problems. Road barriers indicate the road/bridge may be washed out. Electrocutation from electrical current in flood waters is another danger. Report downed power lines:

Florida Power & Light	800 4OUTAGE
Peace River Electric	877-282-3656
Or call	911

Protecting family/property

- Secure your boat.
- Clear your yard of loose objects.
- Turn off main water, gas, and electric.
- Board up or shutter your windows.
- Move valuable contents to a safe area.
- Elevate furniture if possible.
- Plan a destination – notify family/friends.
- Plan a flood-free evacuation route.
- Store drinking water in clean containers.
- Plugged sewer? Avoid flushing toilets.
- Listen to weather information/updates.

Personal Disaster Kit

- Prescription drugs
- Hygiene items
- Clothing
- Water
- Important papers
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Radio/Batteries
- Non-perishable Food

For assistance locating evacuation zones, routes, shelters or register for special needs evacuation assistance:

City Hall	941-932-9400
Community Services	941-932-9485

Additional Information

www.cityofbradenton.com (Building and Inspections - Floodplain Management)
www.fema.gov
www.floridadisaster.org
www.floodsmart.gov

City of Bradenton
 Planning and Community Development
 Building Division-Floodplain Section
 101 12th Street West
 Bradenton, Florida 34205
 Phone: 941-932-9423
www.cityofbradenton.com

City of Bradenton Building & Permitting Services



Flood Protection Information



Floodprone Areas

- Manatee River
- Little Manatee River
- Lower Manatee River
- Bowlees Creek
- McMullen Creek
- Gamble Creek
- Rattlesnake Slough
- Terra Ceia Bay
- Sarasota Bay
- Anna Maria Sound/Intracoastal Waterway
- Cedar Hammock Drainage Canal
- Tampa Bay affects Manatee River's mouth
- *Not all inclusive
- Pearce Drain
- Myakka River
- Wares Creek
- Gap Creek
- Frog Creek
- Braden River
- Buffalo Canal
- Miguel Bay

What is a floodplain & wetland?

A floodplain is any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. A wetland is a transitional area between water and land which supports unique wetland vegetation. During rainfall, these areas provide temporary and natural storage for excess water. A Special Flood Hazard Area is the area in the floodplain subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. These zones are designated with an "A" or a "V".

The surrounding area is flat, consisting of wetlands, floodplains and Floodways. During the dry season, low lake levels, dry sloughs, creeks, drains and other dry retention areas do not appear to be a flood hazard creating a false impression that flooding is not a problem.

Do you live in a Special Flood Hazard Area?

Land information maps showing flood zones are available on the City Web site <http://www.cityofbradenton.com> for general reference only. For detailed information, contact:

Planning and Community Development
Building Department
Floodplain Management Section
941-932-9423

If your structure is in a Special Flood Hazard Area and built after June 1, 1981, an Elevation Certificate was required to verify that your lowest habitable floor meets the minimum elevation. Copies may be available in our Records Database. You may contact us at 941-932-9423.

The Division also offers written documentation. For a fee, we will provide a flood information determination. Along with this, we will provide a copy of the elevation certificate, if available and the portion of the Flood Insurance Rate Map on which the property lies.

Protecting your home

Some common protection methods which can help reduce flood damage are elevating the structure, relocating the structure, or adding flood panels. Information for methods of protection is available on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site, www.fema.gov.

Any alteration to your building, changing the existing grade, or fill activities in the floodplain requires a permit. Contact the Building Department prior to commencing any work for permit requirements. To verify if a contractor is licensed and insured 941-932-9423.

Substantial Damage and Substantial Improvement

If your structure is in a Special Flood Hazard Area and the cost of repairs/rehabilitation equals or exceeds 50% of its fair market value before it was damaged or altered, this is considered substantial damage or substantial improvement – the same requirements apply as new construction. The Building Department will verify if the construction is a substantial damage or substantial improvement. A building permit will be required for any work.

Will homeowners insurance protect you in case of a flood?

No, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone. If you have a mortgage that is federally funded or insured, you will be required to have flood insurance. Along some of the bays in Manatee County, land has been designated as part of the Coastal Barrier Resource System. Flood insurance is not available for structures substantially damaged/improved or for new construction in these areas. The Building Department can show you where these are located. If you have flood insurance, verify the dollar amount and make sure you have contents coverage. The absence of prior flooding problems does not ensure that future flood events will not occur. Areas outside the Special Flood Hazard Area ("C", "B" or "X") may also flood and preferred rate policies are available. Contact an insurance agent for more information. Don't wait for the next flood, as there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage takes effect.

Helping the community

If requested, representatives from Public Works, and the Building Department will visit a property to review a drainage or flood problem and explain ways to prevent damage.

Dumping or throwing anything into drainage ditches or streams is prohibited. Grass clippings and branches plug channels, contributing to flooding – keep ditches or streams, clear of brush and debris.

Call for help:

Illegal dumping	941- 932-9485
Debris/blockages in City maintained Ditches/streams	941- 708- 6300
Debris in roadside ditches	941- 708- 6350
Sewer drainage/backup	941 -708- 6350
Water main break	941- 745 -1777
Building without a permit	941 -932- 9423