

## City of Bradenton Beach 2022 Flood and Hurricane Guide

***The City of Bradenton Beach lies in a Floodplain and flooding will happen. Your structure could be in a repetitive loss area, call the Building Department to find out at 778-1005 ext. 210.***

***Get Flood Insurance! Did you know*** the standard insurance policy does not cover floods.

Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for floods, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage takes effect. Renters can buy content coverage-talk with a licensed insurance agent. ***Do not wait until the next flood act now!***

***Know your areas flood risk***, e.g. flooding, wind, erosion. Call the Building Department at 778-1005 ext. 278 and review the FEMA Rate Map to find out about your required elevation and flood zones. The Building Department has many elevation certificates on file.

***Obtain Building Permits.*** Property owners ***must*** apply for building/floodplain permits for any structural improvements or adding fill/shell to the lot. All our forms can be found on the city website, go to:

[www.cityofbradentonbeach.com](http://www.cityofbradentonbeach.com)

Government/Building and Planning/forms

And information or call 941-778-1005 ext. 210.

City staff will conduct site visits at your property. Call our Public Works Dept. at 941-778-1005 ext. 212 for options on drainage issues and the Planning and Development for flood proofing. Ask us about Financial Grant Assistance or go to:

[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

[www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

***Understand the FEMA 50% Substantial Improvement rule.*** If your structure is on grade (not elevated per FEMA's required elevation) then the cost of improvements cannot exceed 50% of the market value.

Go to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for more information or call us at the Planning and Development at 941-778-1005 ext. 278.

***Protect the Environment*** Do not dump pollutants into the storm drains; the pollutants will end up in the bay. City code Sec. 26-1 states "***depositing any sewage or chemicals into the stormwater system is prohibited***".

Report all illegal dumping to Public Works 778-1005 ext. 212 or Code Enforcement ext. 227.

Use vegetation instead of pavement.

Install swales, gutters, and rain barrels to contain water runoff.

Do not' dump garbage or lawn debris in swales, channels or canals.

Take advantage of Manatee County e-scrap and hazardous waste Collection. For more information call Manatee County Utilities 941-748-4501.

Stay off the sand dunes and beach vegetation, they provide habitat for plants and animals and reduces beach erosion.

Do not leave trash on the beach. Plastics and trash can hurt marine mammals, seabirds, and turtles.

**Pay attention to Flood and Hurricane Warnings** Evacuate when ordered. Curbside warnings will be conducted by law enforcement with a vehicle public address systems and via automated telephone notification for instructions on when to evacuate. Manatee County Emergency Management will broadcast automated phone messages.

***Build for Permanent Protection/Mitigation***

If your home is damaged after a flood, consider making permanent repairs with flood resistant materials.

Elevate or relocate your structure above flood elevation levels. To reduce flood damage, lowering your insurance premium, adding value to the house, increasing usable space for parking or storage.

Elevate utilities, fuse boxes, water heaters and AC units. Label the fuse or breaker boxes.

Dry Floodproofing: sealing to prevent floodwaters from entering and building with flood-resistant material such as non-paper –faced gypsum board and terrazzo tile flooring (vs. traditional drywall and carpeted flooring).

Install flood Openings in crawlspaces and garages. Install sewer backup valves to prevent sewer backup flooding; Board or shutter the windows. Contact the Building Department for flood protection measures and permitting\_requirements 941-778-1005 ext. 210.

***Prepare Your Property for Flooding***

- Clear the yard of loose objects
- Keep a household inventory of contents
- Elevate or move outside furniture
- Know how to shut off electricity and gas
- Have cleaning supplies/protective clothing
- Move vehicles to higher ground
- Move valuables to a safe area

Visit the Tingley Library for publications on flood protection such as “Repairing Your Flooded Home” or “Floodproofing” go to:

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Get Sandbags.** Sandbags can be obtained at G.T. Bray Park at 5502 33rd Ave. Dr. W (off of 59th St W) For more information call Manatee County Parks and Recreation 941-742-5923.

***Protect Your Family for Flooding***

- Do not drive or walk in deep water
- Stay away from downed power lines
- Pay attention to evacuation orders
- Develop a disaster plan and have a list of emergency numbers; go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- Do not drive through road barriers
- Go to [www.myanatee.com](http://www.myanatee.com) for shelter
- And storm track information

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