

National Flood Insurance Program Grants Discount to Coral Springs Residents

The NFIP's Community Rating System gives Coral Springs a very good rating for its flood protection activities, which includes publishing flood information at www.coral Springs.org and in print publications twice a year. Our residents receive a 10 percent discount on NFIP insurance as a result of our good rating.

Flood Warnings

The City and Broward County have warning systems and severe weather emergency operating plans. When severe weather threatens, warnings will be issued on radio and television, including CityTV Channel 25.

Flood Safety

Even if your area is not directly hit by heavy winds, flooding is a potential threat. Knowing what to do to minimize your loss is the first step to storm survival.

1. Turn off electricity and natural gas.
2. Have a battery-powered radio or television to monitor flood warning information.
3. Heed warnings from officials and evacuate when orders are given, usually over radio and television.
4. Know your evacuation zone and route to a shelter. It may be difficult to distinguish between roads and canals during severe flooding.
5. Be particularly careful when moving about at night.



Flood Insurance

Homeowner insurance policies do not cover loss due to flooding. Coral Springs participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes coverage available to everyone in the City.

The City urges residents and business owners to buy flood insurance to protect against potential devastating loss. Property owners may insure buildings and contents; renters may insure their possessions. Just because you haven't been flooded doesn't mean you won't be. Call your insurance agent today.

Floodplain Development Permits

All development, including new construction, repair/replacement work and additions, signs, fences, fill and tree removal requires a permit. Contact the Building Department at 954-344-1025.

Storm Drain Maintenance

The City has a system of drainage catch basins for storm water management that is maintained on a regular basis by the Public Works Department. Basins drain into canals that are maintained by specific drainage districts. State law prohibits dumping in waterways. Violations should be reported to Citizen's Services, 954-344-1001; or the Police Department, 954-344-1800.

Take Measures to Protect Your Property From a Storm

1. Check everything outside your home that could blow away or be blown against the house. Garbage cans, gardening tools, toys, lawn furniture, awnings and the like can become deadly missiles in hurricane-force winds. Carefully secure objects that cannot be taken inside.

2. Park your car on high ground, preferably inside a garage or other shelter and set the parking brake. Fill the gas tank and make sure your windshield wipers are in working order in case you must evacuate later.

3. Cut down loose tree limbs and palm fronds. If you have a swimming pool,

drain half of the water to prevent the pool from overflowing.

4. Move furniture to the second floor or at least elevate expensive items on concrete blocks. Put electronic devices and other easily damaged items inside plastic bags and place on high shelves. Sandbag around doors and other openings to minimize flood damage.

5. Put up storm shutters or boards and tape windows and other openings. Tape may not keep a window from breaking but it can minimize damage from flying glass.

6. Small boats should be pulled from the water and secured. Filling the boat

with water may keep it from being blown away. For trailered boats, strip them of accessories, let the air out of the tires and last down the boat and trailer.

7. Severe storms may cause prolonged power or water failure. Keep emergency supplies on hand, including several flashlights, candles, a camp stove or canned heat, a battery-powered radio and prescription medicines.

8. Stock food that requires no refrigeration and little preparation. Be sure you have plenty of water for drinking and fill the bathtub to ensure water is available for washing and flushing the toilet.

The Northwest Regional Library, located at 3151 University Drive, has flood protection information, copies of flood insurance rate maps and flood zone explanations.

More than 90 percent of Coral Springs is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area, which means your home could be prone to flooding. For information about your property, call Public Works at 954-344-1169.

