Know Your Flood Hazard

Flooding in Fort Pierce is caused by:

- Heavy rainfall in short periods of time, common during thunderstorms
- Tropical Storms and Hurricanes
- Local stormwater drainage problems
- Abnormally high tides

Do you know what kind of flood hazards your property is susceptible to?

The city provides information regarding flooding hazards in your area. Contact the Building Department at 772-467-3198.

- **Flood maps**
  Obtain information about the flood insurance maps (FIRM), coastal construction control line, repetitive loss areas, floodways, coastal barrier resource areas, and coastal A zones.
- **Elevation Certificates**
  Obtain recently completed elevation certificates

Development in Flood Prone Areas

- Any development in a floodplain requires a building permit.
- If you see filling or construction in a mapped floodplain without a permit posted, contact the Building Department.
- Don't dump or throw anything into the storm sewers, inlets, ditches, or basins. If you see dumping or debris in ditches or basins please notify the Fort Pierce Stormwater Hotline at 772-467-3782.
- If you experience any localized drainage problems notify the Public Works Department at 772-467-3000.

Flood Safety Measures

- Do not walk through flowing water
- Do not drive through a flooded area

- Stay away from power lines

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Fort Pierce Building Department
100 North US Hwy 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772-467-3198
www.cityoffortpierce.com

Property Protection Measures

You can protect your property and manage your risk by doing one or more of the following:

- Re-grade your lot
- Build floodwall or berm
- Place a barrier to divert water
- Placement of gates/barriers
- Elevate AC, water heater etc.
- Elevate your building
- Floodproof your building

The Building Department offers flood protection assistance by providing information and recommendations regarding retrofitting and flood control techniques. To request assistance or a site visit contact the CRS Coordinator at 772-467-3198.

The Flood Warning System

Residents should be aware that we have several warning systems that provide citizens with up to the minute information on impending storms or flood threats.

The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) works with the National Weather Service, and the National Hurricane Center to monitor flood and storm threats and advise the community accordingly.

- The following stations service our area:
  WIRA-AM 1400 WJNX-AM 1330
  WQCS-FM 88.9 WAVW-FM 92.7
  WQOL-FM 103.7 WGYL-FM 93.7
  WZZR-FM 92.7 WPSL-AM 1590
- TV Channels 5, 12, 25 and 29
- NOAA Weather Radio Frequency 162.400 MHz

Consider Buying Flood Insurance

- Homeowner's insurance doesn't cover losses caused by flooding.
- Flood insurance provides protection for cost of repairs due to flood damage.
- You can obtain flood insurance even if you are not in a special flood hazard area.

Visit www.floodsmart.gov or Contact your local insurance agent to purchase flood insurance.

Visit Why Should You Buy Flood Insurance | Fort Pierce, FL - Official Website (cityoffortpierce.com) to see why you should purchase flood insurance.

Do your part to help protect our waters, businesses and residents can be invaluable participants in the effort to protect our waters. It is very important that a spill, leak or other discharge is reported immediately so the contaminates can be contained to avoid polluting our waterways. Do your part by reporting spills, leaks or other illicit discharges to the City's Stormwater Hotline. 772-467-3782

What is the City of Fort Pierce National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)?

In 1972 the Clean Water Act was created under the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create the NPDES program. The purpose of this division is to provide permitting and enforcement of this program. This program addresses water pollution by regulating contributors that discharge pollutants to the Waters of the United States. You ask, what are the Waters of the United States? The term means navigable waters, tributaries, interstate wetlands, ocean waters and interstate waters.

The City of Fort Pierce implemented five main goals for this program:
1. Educating our Community
2. Getting our Community Involved
3. Eliminating Illicit Discharge
4. Controlling Construction Site Runoff
5. Good Housekeeping (in better terms educating ourselves & making sure we are not part of the problem).

If you would like more information regarding NPDES or the City's stormwater requirements, check out our Website at www.cityoffortpierce.com. You can also report any discharges you may have witnessed on this website or by contracting our Stormwater Hotline (772) 467-3782.

FLOOD PROTECTION AWARENESS 2023

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news. Sign up for our Emergency Alert Program "Alert St. Lucie"
www.cityoffortpierce.com/351/Flood-Warning-System