Miami Beach is a beautiful coastal community. Our sun-kissed island is surrounded by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. Miami Beach is leading the way locally and nationally to reduce flood risk and we want you to be aware of flood risk due to our low-lying topography, rainfall, King Tides, storms, and sea level rise. It is our goal that all of Miami Beach – whether public roads or private homes – is in the best position possible before, during, and after potential flooding. We are all in this together.

ARE YOU INSURED?

Only **47%** of 2-4 units carry flood insurance, while **93%** of buildings in Miami Beach are located in a Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) as mapped by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

- Flood insurance is required for federally back mortgages, and recommended for all properties.
- Renters can buy flood insurance coverage for contents. Visit www.MBRisingAbove.com for more information.

MIAMI BEACH SAVES YOU MONEY ON FLOOD INSURANCE.

- Miami Beach has made a commitment to invest in public infrastructure to help our streets and sidewalks drain as quickly as possible. This includes raising roads, installing stormwater pumps, raising sea walls, and creating higher elevation standards for new construction and substantial improvements. Our natural resources, including the coral reef tract, and the beach dune system protect the eastern side of our island from wave energy and storm surge events.
- Miami Beach saves residents and businesses 25% or $8.4 million annually in flood insurance premiums through our strong participation in the Community Rating System.

HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE?

- Log onto the National Flood Insurance Program website for details and use its agent locator tool to find a local flood insurance agent. www.floodsmart.gov

Turn this page over to check out the 10 STEPS TO FLOOD AWARENESS.
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1. **COASTAL CITIES FACE FLOOD RISK.**

93% of properties on Miami Beach are located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, as mapped by FEMA. Miami Beach is reducing risk through elevating roads, a new stormwater system, and new construction regulations to build higher. The Building Department offers free technical assistance to identify ways to reduce flood hazards. Call 305.673.7610 to learn more.

2. **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY WITH FLOOD INSURANCE.**

It’s required by federally backed mortgages. The City saves you 25%, or $8.4 million annually, in flood insurance premiums through top tier performance in the Community Rating System (CRS). For more information, check floodsmart.gov.

3. **BE SMART IF YOU SEE FLOOD WATERS!**

Avoid driving through or coming in contact with flood waters. Make sure you are tuned into Miami Beach social media and local weather alerts. No circule con su vehículo ni vaya caminando por áreas donde haya inundaciones. Manténgase informado a través de las redes sociales y las alertas meteorológicas locales de Miami Beach.

4. **KEEP YOUR HOME AND BELONGINGS DRY.**

Consider elevating important appliances, like washers and dryers. Choose materials, such as tile flooring as opposed to wood, that are resistant to water damage. Ponga en alto los electrodomésticos importantes como la lavadora y la secadora. Para los suelos a pisos elija baldosas en lugar de madera, ya que se trata de un material más resistente a los daños causados por el agua.

5. **BUILD RESILIENTLY.**

Follow the Florida Building Code to reduce flood risk. An elevation certificate provides your property’s elevations, and can potentially lower your insurance premiums. The city may have these for properties built after 1995. Call 305.673.7610 to learn more.

6. **OUR NATURAL SYSTEMS PROTECT US AGAINST FLOODS.**

Beach sand dunes and vegetation, coral reefs, and green open areas are natural flood barriers. Las dunas de arena y la vegetación de las playas, los arrecifes de coral y las zonas verdes son barreras naturales contra las inundaciones.

7. **HAVE A PLAN! SOUTH FLORIDA CAN EXPERIENCE FLOODING FROM HURRICANES AND KING TIDES**

Know your evacuation routes, and how to protect yourself and your loved ones. Conozca las rutas de evacuación y la manera de protegerse a usted mismo y a sus seres queridos.

8. **KEEP IT CLEAN!**

Don’t litter! Keep storm drains clear of litter and debris to prevent flooding and keep Biscayne Bay clean. Report issues to the free Miami Beach e-Gov app or call 305-673-7625.

9. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Information is available on limited federal financial assistance and loans for properties that have experienced damage. Mitigation measures include home elevation, if the property qualifies. Learn more through the Grants Office at 305.673.7510. Información sobre asistencia financiera federal limitada y préstamos para propiedades que han sufrido daños está disponible. Las medidas de mitigación incluyen la elevación de la casa, si la propiedad califica. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina de Subvenciones a 305.673.7510.

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