# FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

## FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

AN ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

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<td>A severe repetitive loss property is a structure that has incurred flood damage for which 4 or more separate claims payments have been made with the amount of each claim exceeding $5,000, and the cumulative amount of claims payments exceeding $20,000, or at least 2 separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of claims exceeding the market value of the structure. A repetitive loss property is a structure covered by a contract for flood insurance made available under the NFIP that has incurred flood-related damage on 2 occasions, and the cost of the repair, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure and at the time of the second incidence of flood-related damage, the contract for flood insurance contains increased cost of compliance coverage.</td>
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## Resources

- **FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING PROGRAM**
  - The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program provides funding through the City for projects that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent of the cost to mitigate future flood damage for severe repetitive loss properties, and up to 90 percent for repetitive loss properties. If the property is eligible, Mitigation Funds may be used for home elevation.

- **BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM**
  - The Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program provides a source of expedient cash for small businesses that have been physically and/or economically impacted by a major hurricane. These short-term, interest-free working capital loans are intended to "bridge the gap" between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources.

## Property Protection Advice

- **MOHSEN JARAHPOUR, FLOODPLAIN MANAGER, City of Miami Beach mohsenjarahpour@miamibeachfl.gov PHONE: 305.673.7610**
  - The City of Miami Beach Building Department's staff provides site visits, and educates homeowners about protective measures, such as retrofitting techniques, drainage improvements and flood insurance.
  - Contact the Building Department Contact at: 305.673.7610

Available to City of Miami Beach property owners.
10 STEPS TO FLOOD AWARENESS

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.

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.

4. KEEP YOUR HOME AND BE longings 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.

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.

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.

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.

10. MIAMI BEACH IS HERE TO HELP.
The Building Department offers free technical assistance to identify ways to reduce flood hazards. Call 305.673.7610 to learn more.

El Departamento de Construcción ofrece asistencia técnica gratuita para identificar las maneras de reducir los riesgos de inundación. Llame al 305.673.7610 para obtener más información.

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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 305.673.7310.