



# City of Anna Maria

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The City of Anna Maria is concerned about repetitive flooding and has information for renters and property owners to protect yourself and property. City staff can help determine the cause of flooding and tips on property protection measures that you can do.

Past historical insurance claims throughout the city indicate that you live in an area that has been flooded several times in the past.

## **Get a Flood Insurance Policy**

Although most homeowner and rental policies reimburse for damage caused by wind or fire, these policies exclude losses from floods. Who needs flood insurance? Anyone with a federally backed mortgage and who buys a home in a government-designated high-risk flood zone must obtain a flood insurance policy. Lenders should be able to tell if your home is in a flood zone. For renters, because you live in a high-risk area, a standard rated policy is the only option and offers separate building and contents coverage. Contact your insurance agent for more information.

Our community participates in the Community Rating System and you will receive a reduction in the insurance premium.

**Don't wait there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage takes effect. For more information go to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)**

## **Inquire about Grant Assistance**

If your home is declared substantially damage by a flood, it will require you to bring your home up to current building code standards. Check with the Building Department for current codes and grant assistance such as Florida Disaster Mitigation Assistance or go to

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

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

## **Build for Protection**

Consider elevating or relocating your structure. Contact the Building Department for flood protection and Public Works for stormwater issues. Be sure to check with the Building Department about what protection measures requires a floodplain or a building permit. If requested, City staff will conduct a courtesy inspection of your property.

**For more information on these topics call (941)708-6130 ext. 128**

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### **Take Property Protection Measures**

- Relocate or elevate the structure and utilities such as electrical panel boxes, washer and dryer
- Board or shutter your windows
- Label your fuse box
- Wet or Dry Proof your home
- Build with flood resistant material especially for flooring walls and ceiling
- Check tie-downs and anchoring if you live in a mobile home
- Install backflow prevent or to relieve sewer backup
- Check your structure for water entry points like dryer vents, these can be protected with temporary shields

**To discuss any of these protection measures call the Building Departmental (941)708-6130 x128**

### **Prepare for flooding**

- Clear the yard of loose objects, elevate furniture, if possible create a disaster response action plan. Move valuable contents to a safe area plan a destination/notify family of plans
- More information can be found at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- Have supplies/cash ready
- How to shut off electricity /gas
- Have cleaning supplies ready

### **Helpful Phone Numbers**

City of Anna Maria City Hall

(941)708-6130

Manatee County Sheriff Office

(941)747-3011

Manatee County Emergency Management

(941)749-3500

Manatee County Utilities

(941)792-8811

Florida Power and Light

1-800-4OUTAGE

Blake Medical Center (941)792-6611

West Manatee Fire Department (941)761-1555

Manatee County Emergency Alert System

AM 970-WFLA

AM 1490-WWPR

FM 88.1WJLS

National Weather Service

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

FEMA

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

Disaster Planning

[tampabayprepares.org](http://tampabayprepares.org)

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