

## What you need to know

- Know Your Flood Hazard
- Protect yourself from Hazard
- Protect your Property from Hazard
- Purchase Flood Insurance
- Build Responsibly
- Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

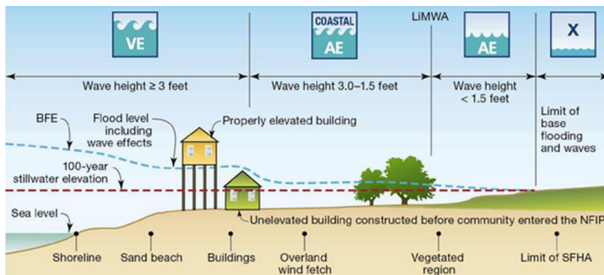
## Useful Information and Additional Resources

Nassau County  
Department of Planning &  
Economic Opportunity  
(904) 530-6300

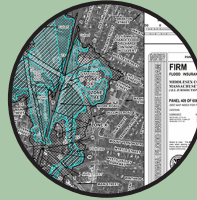
Nassau County  
Building Department  
(904) 530-6250

Federal Emergency Management  
Agency (FEMA)  
<http://www.fema.gov>

National Flood Insurance Program  
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## KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD



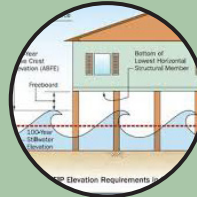
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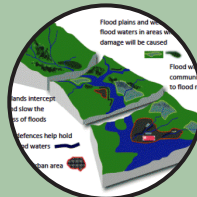
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## PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS



# NASSAU COUNTY Flood Protection and Safety



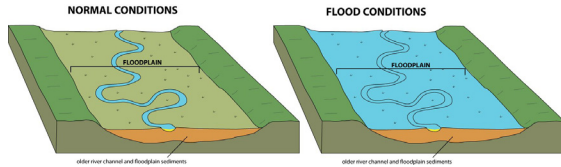
## What You Need To Know About Flood Safety and Preparedness



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## YOUR Local Flood Hazard

Various areas of Nassau County are located within low lying coastal plains. These areas are susceptible to flooding from rivers, creeks and wetlands after heavy rains. As a coastal community, the County is also subject to flooding and storm surge from seasonal hurricanes.

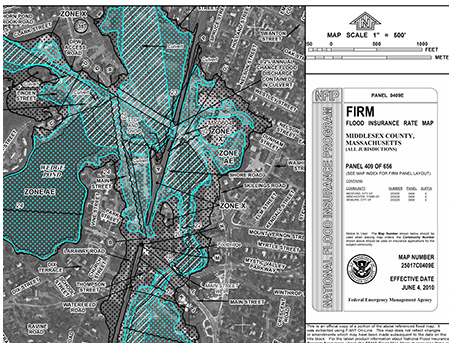


## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

### 1 Know Your Flood Hazard

Check the Nassau County Property Appraiser website ([nassauflpa.com](http://nassauflpa.com)) 'GIS Floodzone' link to find out what the floodzone and Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is for your property.

When buying a home, ask your realtor for floodzone information before you buy. The County provides this lookup service. For further information contact the Department of Planning & Economic Opportunity or Building Department.



### 2 Buy Flood Insurance

Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood insurance and take advantage of a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy, if possible.

Consider flood insurance even if you are in a minimally affected area. Renters should buy flood insurance for their home contents.

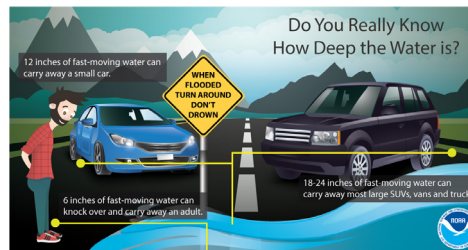


### 3 Protect Yourself and Your Family From Hazard

Know the danger signs and stay informed.  
Know the evacuation route from your home.  
Assemble a disaster response kit.  
Know where to seek shelter.

Make a plan: know what you are going to do and do it!

Download a free copy of Nassau County's 'Local Disaster Preparedness Guide' from the County website or pick up a copy at the Emergency Management Office for information on what to do before, during and after a disaster.



### 4 Protect Your Property

Place your furnace and other utilities in a place elevated above the Base Flood Elevation.

Store your valuables and insurance papers on the second level and in a waterproof container.

Keep debris and trash out of drainage ditches.

### 5 Build Responsibly

All projects should be at least 10 feet from the property line to insure proper drainage.

Get a permit before you build.

Know the substantial damage rules (and the ICC benefits).

Use only licensed contractors who know the County building rules.



### 6 Protect Natural Floodplain Functions

Wetland and stream floodplains absorb large amounts of flood water. Their health is important to flood control. It is illegal to dump anything into the stormwater drainage system. Report broken silt fences, they help keep our streams clean. Protect our turtle nesting areas; stay off the beach after sunset during mating season (April to November).

