

## AVOID ELECTRICITY

- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution.
- Electrical current can travel through water.
- Report downed power lines to your electricity provider. Call 911 if people are in danger. **Turn off the electricity** if you did not do so before you evacuated.

## GAS

- You can detect leaking gas by the putrid, rotten egg smell of chemicals that have been added to it to make a leak noticeable.
- **Turn off the gas**, if you did not do so before you evacuated.

## CRS

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a NFIP program designed to reward communities that go over and beyond minimum NFIP standards in floodplain management. Under the CRS, flood insurance premium rates are adjusted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community activities that meet the three goals of the CRS: reduce flood losses; facilitate accurate insurance rating; and promote the awareness of flood insurance.



For more information, please feel free to stop by our Solution Center located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, 2nd Floor, Doral, FL 33166; 305-593-6700 or visit our website at [www.cityofdoral.com](http://www.cityofdoral.com)

**FLOODS  
DESTROY  
DESIRABLE  
BE PREPARED**

Make sure to check our website for announcements for upcoming Flood Workshops hosted by the City of Doral's Building Department.



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## CITY OF DORAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT



## IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FLOOD HAZARDS

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## 1. KNOW YOUR HAZARD

The Building Department provides **Flood zone determinations** using the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) to determine if your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), and if you are required carry flood insurance by federal law. The Department also provides flood information packets that provide tips to reduce flood related damage to properties. To request a Flood Zone determination, call the Building Department at (305) 593-6700.

## 2. INSURANCE

Did you know that Homeowner's and/or windstorm insurance does not cover flood damage to a structure? All property owners should consider purchasing Flood insurance. Flood insurance is available through the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance can be purchased to protect all properties in the City including homes, condominiums, apartments, non-residential buildings, and commercial structures. Due to the City's participation in the Community Rating System (CRS), you will receive a reduction in the flood insurance premium.



## 3. PROTECTION FROM FLOODS

- Turn around, don't drown. Do not attempt to walk or drive through large puddles or moving flood waters.
- Designate a place where your family can rendezvous if an evacuation order is issued.

## 4. PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

- Place sandbags or similar barriers between floodwaters and your structure.
- Find and protect the "irreplaceables," like money, jewelry, insurance papers, photographs, and family heirlooms.
- Put your valuables in a plastic bag and relocate them to the highest floor.

## 5. BUILD RESPONSIBLY

Get a permit when making alterations to your property. Permit information is available from the Building Department at (305) 593-6700.

## 6. PROTECT THE NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS

Do not dump in the storm drains. To report an issue with a storm drain contact Public Works at (305) 593-6740.

# **FLOODING IS THE MOST WIDESPREAD NATURAL DISASTER**

Floods are the **most widespread** natural disaster aside from wildfires. 90% of all U.S. natural disasters declared by the President involve some sort of flooding. During the rainy season, the continuous downpours saturate and, on occasion, over saturate the ground; reducing the capacity of the Stormwater Drainage System. This may cause some temporary flooding along city streets and/or private property, creating potentially dangerous conditions.

## **IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FLOODING**

### **HAVE A PLAN**

#### **If an evacuation order has been issued...**

- Know where you will evacuate to, and the best way to get there.
- Unplug electrical equipment, such as radios and televisions, and small appliances, such as toasters and microwaves.
- Assemble a supplies kit for your home, and work.
- Have necessary supplies kit ready to use.