

Protect your Property



- **Anchor & Elevate:** If vulnerable, electrical panel boxes, heat pumps, washers, dryers, water heaters, fuel tanks, etc. should be elevated or relocated to areas less likely to be subjected to flood waters.
- **Retrofit:** There are things you can do to minimize the flood risk to your home. Options to consider:
 - Elevation
 - Flood Barriers
 - Dry or Wet Flood Proofing
- **Build Responsibly:** All development (new construction, repair/replacement, additions, signs, fences, fill, tree removal, etc.) requires a permit. Illegal flood plain development should be reported.

To Schedule a courtesy site visit with the Building Official please call the inspection hotline :
(727) 853-1048

Natural Flood Hazard Reduction

The undeveloped floodplain areas lessen the effects of storm and flood waters by providing natural storage areas for flood waters by buffering the coastal areas from storm surges, thus protecting human life and property from flood damage. Information regarding flood maps, flood protection, elevation certificates (previously submitted), historical flooding, and problems not shown of the FIRM maps are available upon request.

You are receiving this information because your property IS located in the flood plain. Your property MAY be located in a repetitive loss area!

Contact the Development Department for more information: (727) 853-1047



Hurricane Evacuation

Be prepared for a HURRICANE EVACUATION ORDER. When a state of emergency has been declared by the Pasco County Office of Disaster Preparedness, ALL residents must evacuate the City of New Port Richey.

Know your Evacuation Zone!

Visit

www.pascocountyfl.net/3610/Evacuation-Zones to find your evacuation zone.

Know your Evacuation Route!

Visit

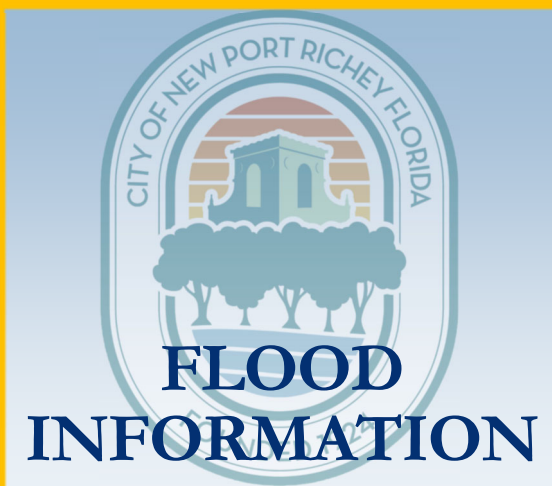
maps.floridadisaster.org/county/EVAC_Pasco.pdf to find the nearest route.



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Flood Insurance

Before the Storm: New Port Richey participates in the National Flood Insurance program which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. Information about flood policies is available from your insurance agent. We strongly urge you to buy flood insurance and suggest you do not wait for a disaster to devastate your family!



Mitigation Assistance

After the Storm: There are various websites that can help guide you with assistance if you are interested in mitigating your property. Some grants and programs will only accept you if you have a current flood insurance policy. Photograph damage to your home and property for insurance claims and hire only licensed contractors.

Visit FEMA.gov, Disasterassistance.gov, or Floodsmart.gov for more information.

Substantial Improvements

Before remodeling, renovating, rehabilitating, adding to, or improving all buildings within the SFHA that don't meet the latest code version, the proposed modifications must be evaluated for "Substantial Improvements." If the total costs for the improvements are 50% or more of the value of the building, the building must be elevated.

Flood Safety



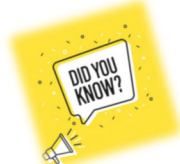
• Avoid flooded area or those with rapid water flow. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream or drive in water. The depth is not always obvious. It takes only six inches of fast flowing water to sweep you off your feet.

• Do not allow children to play in or near high water, storm drains, or ditches! Flood waters may be contaminated with oil, gasoline, or raw sewage.

Know your Flood Hazard

CHECK BEFORE YOU BUY!

FEMA defines a flood zone as land areas with varying levels of flood risk. An area is determined based on factors such as rainfall, topography and river-flow data.



Every resident of New Port Richey lives in a flood zone!

Your property may be vulnerable to flood from heavy storms, especially if located in historically flooded areas or seaward of the LiMWA line.

For more information regarding your flood zone or other flood hazard information, please contact the Development Department (727) 583-1047



Pithlachascotee River



Get Flood Warnings

Stay Informed! The City receives notification through Pasco County in the event of an emergency using the following systems:

• **NOAA Weather Alert Radio:** The National Weather Service operates the All Hazards Weather Alert Radio Network.



www.weather.gov/nwr

• **ALERT PASCO:** A mass notification service that will send location-based alerts to residents in Pasco County.

Visit bit.ly/AlertPasco to sign up for Alert Pasco notifications.



Drainage System Maintenance

The City has a system of drainage channels and ditches for storm water management purposes. These ditches are of vital importance to maintain water flow from the City and inland area. State law prohibits dumping in these waterways.

See Something: Say Something!

Report illegal dumping :
(727) 841-4550

