

City's flood protection practices save money

The National Flood Insurance Rating Program's community rating system gives the City of Coral Springs high marks for its flood protection activities, which translates into a 10 percent discount for residents on new or renewed flood insurance policies.



With more than 90 percent of the City in a Special Flood Hazard Area, all residents are encouraged to know flood safety and preparation skills. The City, Broward Office of Emergency Management and National Weather Service issue information about weather conditions and flooding through local media, including CityTV 25 and CityRadio 1670AM.

If a flood threatens, you should turn off electricity and natural gas; move furniture and valuables to the upper part of your home; listen to battery-powered radio or TV for evacuation orders; and be careful when traveling at night.

City regulations prevent or regulate construction that

could divert floodwater from one area to another or increase erosion. Regulations also are in place concerning filling, grading and dredging. Permits are necessary before starting any construction, so contact the Building Department at 954-344-1025. Note that the City requires elevation certificates on homes

built after 1991 as part of the permitting process for newly constructed or substantially improved buildings.

The City utilizes drainage catch basins that the Public Works Department maintains. Various drainage districts are responsible for the canals. Visit CoralSprings.org/publicworks/waterservice.cfm for a list of drainage districts. To report a drainage problem, call Public Works at 954-345-2210.

The Northwest Regional Library, 3151 N. University Drive, has flood protection information, copies of flood insurance rate maps, and flood zone explanations.



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