

PREPARE FOR FLOODING



Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house prior to a flood.



Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go in case of a flood.



Get a plan!

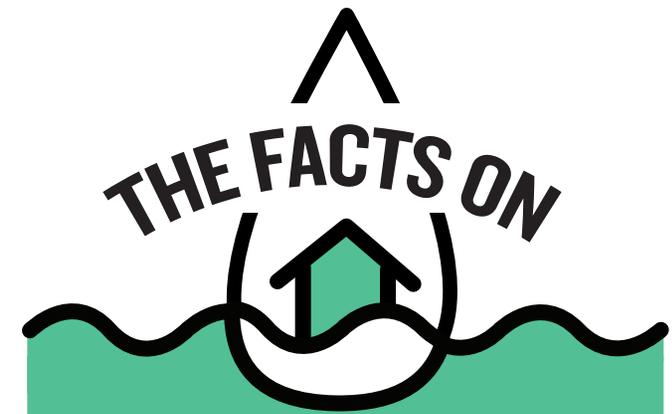
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INSURE YOUR PROPERTY

- Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods.
- Call your insurance agent to discuss your flood insurance coverage. Visit www.floodsmart.gov or call (888) 379-9531 to find out more about who writes flood insurance policies in your area.



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FLOODING

The Sunshine State isn't always sunny. When it rains in Florida, it pours. Due to the low-lying elevations of the Florida Keys, residents need to be aware of potential flooding that may occur. Heavy rains, tropical storms and hurricanes have all affected Florida in the recent years. All of Monroe County is identified as a coastal floodplain and may be subject to flooding.

Please take a moment to review the important information in this brochure.

"Monroe County is constantly working to promote safety and develop solutions to reduce the impact of flooding in your area."

~Monroe County Mayor David Rice

CONSIDER PERMANENT PROTECTION MEASURES



Elevate your home or place of business above flood levels



Place your mechanical equipment above flood levels



Install flood openings to equalize the pressure of flood waters



Remove furniture and valuables from lower enclosures



Always check with the floodplain official before planning a construction project



Hire only licensed and insured contractors

For advice on ways to protect your property from flooding, contact:

Mark Boone

Phone: (305) 289-2505

Email: Flood@MonroeCounty-Fl.Gov

PROTECT THE NATURAL FLOODPLAIN FUNCTIONS

Undisturbed natural areas act as natural retention of flood waters, improving water quality and providing refuge for endangered species. Please help keep these areas natural and beautiful by reporting any illegal dumping or clearing:

www.monroecounty-fl.gov/dumping

STAY INFORMED

- Know your flood zone by visiting <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- Know your evacuation zone and sign-up for emergency alerts at by visiting www.monroecountyem.com/evacuation
 - Sign up for Alert!Monroe www.monroecountyem.com
 - Download the NOAA Extreme Weather Information Sheet at www.ncddc.noaa.gov/NEWIS
- Follow the National Weather Service Key West on **Facebook, Twitter & YouTube**
 - Call the Monroe County Emergency Information Hotline **800-955-5504**
 - Download the free Hurricane Red Cross app from the Apple Store or the Google Play Store



TELEVISION

Channel 76 & 99 / Monroe County TV

TURN AROUND!



DON'T DROWN!

LEARN THE WARNING TERMS

Tropical Storm Watch

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified coastal area within 48 hours

Tropical Storm Warning

An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within the specified coastal area within 36 hours

Hurricane Watch

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible somewhere within the specified coastal area

Hurricane Warning

An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area

KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY

Before buying a property, be sure to check with the floodplain official for the permitting history. Once you purchase a property, you may be required, at your own expense, to make alterations to a property that did not obtain the proper permits.