

Protecting Our Properties from Flood Water and Wind Storms

The Town of Jupiter Building Department (741-2286) and Stormwater Utility Division (741-2705) provide information to residents and neighborhoods on flood and wind protection methods. Members of these departments will also visit a site to review concerns and offer advice, if requested. There are improvements that can be made to your property to reduce losses before flooding occurs. The Building Department can assist you with information about flood-proofing solutions, such as elevating structures, installing flood panels, berms, flood walls and implementing other flood-proofing techniques. The Building Division can also provide assistance about types of financial assistance that may be available for implementing property protection techniques.

Building Code Protections for Wind and Water Damage

All construction requires a permit to ensure that new development and “substantial improvements” to existing structures conform to the wind and flood regulations of the Town’s building codes. An improvement to a structure located in a flood zone is a “substantial improvement” when the cost of the work equals or exceeds 50% of the structure’s market value. These “substantial improvement” projects must include all the improvements needed to bring the structure into compliance with current code regulations.

Watches, Warnings and Local Communication

Palm Beach County has a community notification system to alert its cities and towns of hurricanes and floods. This system uses TV Channels 5, 12, 25, 29 (Comcast channels 03, 09, 10 and 11) and all local radio stations. During major storms, as conditions permit, the Town is patrolled by police officers, stormwater, public works, water utilities and other staff to identify safety hazards and areas of flooding. Call the Town of Jupiter Hurricane Hotline at 561-743-7013 for emergency information.

Natural Areas and Stormwater Management

Jupiter, with all its water assets – the ocean, the inlet, and the Loxahatchee River – is vulnerable to flooding. Jupiter also has amazing “land” assets that reduce the possibility of flooding. The area’s nine largest parks and designated natural areas total 1,126 acres of open land. This land is part of our stormwater management system – natural areas that store rain water and help protect the community from flood damage and recharge the groundwater aquifer. Residents should help to protect the natural floodplain functions of our parks and natural areas.

Drainage Maintenance

To protect against flooding, it is important to maintain the water carrying capacity of the Town’s drainage system. This maintenance program is managed by the Stormwater Utility. Stormwater staff also inspects private drainage systems on request. If a public or private drainage system is not functioning properly, you should call the Stormwater Utility at 741-2705. Always remember:

- It is illegal to dump or throw debris in ditches – even grass clippings. If you see anyone dumping trash or vegetation in ditches, contact Stormwater at 741-2705.
- Keep the banks of ditches along your property clear of brush and debris.
- Check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, re-grade, or bring fill onto your property to see if a permit is needed and ensure that projects do not cause problems to neighboring properties. If you see building or filling, and a permit is not posted, contact the Building Department at 741-2286.

Flood Safety Measures

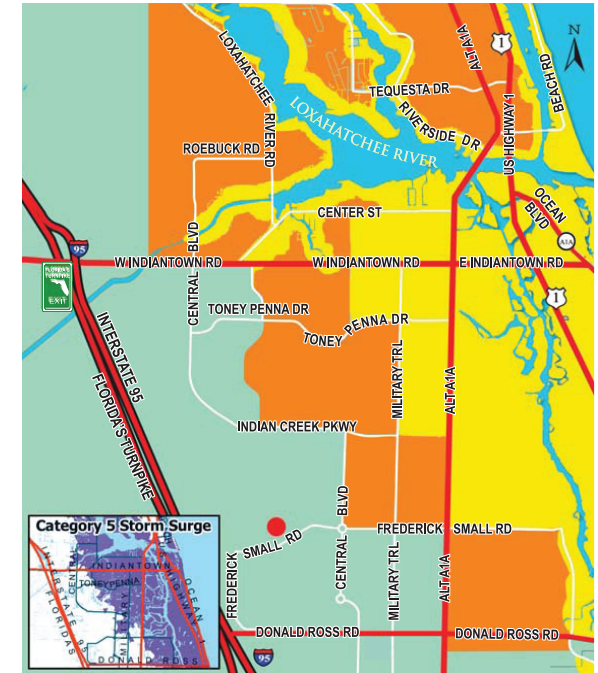
You can protect yourself from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood:

- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to see how deep the water is.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don’t drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed away and canals may not be distinguishable from roads.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution.
- Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (1-800-468-8243) or to Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department (911) immediately.

How You Can Help

| PROBLEM | WHOM TO CALL |
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| Areas of flooding | Stormwater Utility (741-2705) |
| Safety concerns, such as a washed-out road | Police Department (799-4445) |
| Downed power lines | FPL (1-800-4OUTAGE) |

Jupiter Area Hurricane Evacuation Routes



Evacuation Routes **Hurricane Shelters**

PALM BEACH COUNTY HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONES

Plan A Evacuation Area: Persons living in this area should evacuate for ALL hurricanes regardless of strength.

Plan B Evacuation Area: Persons living in this area should evacuate for all major hurricanes of Category 3 or higher.

PALM BEACH COUNTY NORTH AREA SHELTERS

(Jupiter to Palm Beach Gardens)

- **Independence Middle School:** 4001 Greenway Drive, Jupiter
- **Palm Beach Gardens High School:** 4245 Holly Dr, Palm Beach Gardens

For Shelter Information, Contact:

Division of Emergency Management at (561) 712-6400
American Red Cross at (561) 833-7711
www.pbcgov.com

Jupiter's Flood and Hurricane Vulnerabilities

With the Loxahatchee River running through Town and the Jupiter Inlet and open Atlantic Ocean to the east, Jupiter and the surrounding areas are vulnerable to flooding from seasonal rains and hurricanes. If you live in a low-lying area, an area along canals or lakes, or near the coastal areas prone to tidal surges, then your property is the most vulnerable to flooding. Because Jupiter's flood hazard areas are quite scattered, every property has the potential to experience flooding. Call the Building Department at 741-2286 to understand flood zone designation, vulnerabilities to stormwater drainage problems, natural floodplain functions, and historical flooding information for your property.

Flood Insurance

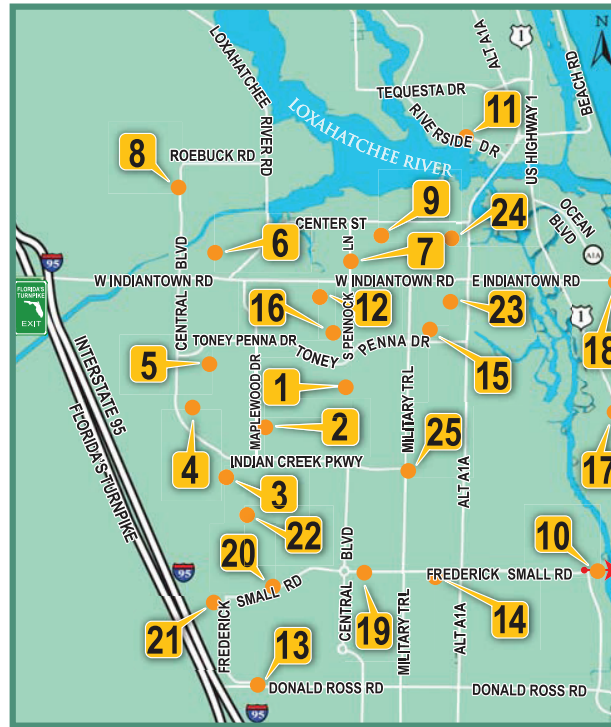
Most people consider their home and its contents their largest investment. Whether you live in a designated flood hazard area or not, you should consider protecting this investment financially with flood insurance. You can visit the Town's website to learn about the National Flood Insurance Program, and Flood Zone Map information at www.Jupiter.fl.us/STORM. Go to FEMA's website at www.floodsmart.gov to find an insurance agent. Call the Building Department at 741-2286 for help with flood zone determination, elevation certificate availability, and for questions about the purchase of flood insurance to protect your building and its contents. For most new policies there is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance coverage to begin.

The Town of Jupiter is a participant in the National Flood Insurance (NFIP) Community Rating System. The Town works diligently to maintain a 20% reduction in flood insurance premiums for residents and businesses while carrying out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding. This reduction applies to all properties located in "special flood hazard areas" (SFHA). Town Departments continue to work together with the goal of achieving even greater flood insurance premium discounts in the future.

Town Services After a Storm

Residents should plan for the following Town services to remain suspended for at least 3 business days following a major storm event: Garbage & Recycling, Building Permits, and Occupational Licensing. The actual length of time services are suspended depends largely on the severity of the storm. Check the Town's Resident Information Line at 743-7013, Comcast Channel 18 and the Town's website for status updates.

Town of Jupiter Post-storm Information Updates



After a hurricane or major storm event, important information bulletins will be posted daily at 25 sites. Go to www.Jupiter.fl.us/STORM, click on "Before, During & After a Storm" to print a map of locations.

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| 1. Pinetree & Toney Penna | 14. New Haven Boulevard & Frederick Small Road |
| 2. Pinetree & Maplewood | 15. Pine Gardens South Park - Loxahatchee Drive |
| 3. Egret Landing Entrance at Central Boulevard | 16. Jupiter River Estates Park - Pawnee & Mohican |
| 4. Indian Creek - Don Schaaf Park (Imagination Station) | 17. US 1 & Ocean Way |
| 5. Jupiter Village & Toney Penna (Jupiter Village Park) | 18. Indiantown & A1A (Maltz Theater) |
| 6. Bush Road & Timberwalk Trail | 19. Frederick Small Road & Valencia Boulevard |
| 7. North Pennock & Anglers Way (Fisherman's Landing) | 20. Frederick Small Road & Greenway Drive |
| 8. The Shores Entrance | 21. Heights Blvd & Linton Street |
| 9. Daily Park - Douglas Drive | 22. Greenway & Dakota Drive |
| 10. The Bluffs - Marcinski & US 1 | 23. South Orange Ave & 2nd St |
| 11. Riverside - RIA Clubhouse, 25 Van Road | 24. North Orange Ave & Venus St |
| 12. Delaware & Cherokee Street | 25. Indian Creek Parkway & Military Trail |
| 13. Heights Boulevard & Donald Ross Road | |



2015 Hurricane and Flood Guide

Preparation is the best way to keep you and those you love safe during an emergency.

Use the information in this guide as a resource before, during and after a hurricane or other disaster. Visit www.Jupiter.fl.us/STORM for more information and helpful maps and lists. View and download the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, supply lists, evacuation zones, shelter locations, and lists of grocery stores and gas stations with generator power from the site.

LOCAL JUPITER INFO



www.jupiter.fl.us/STORM

RESIDENT INFO LINE
(561) 743-7013

TV Comcast Channel 18