



Welcome

City of Bonita Springs Community Development

Permit Applicant,

Please take this opportunity to learn about the flood regulations and flood insurance issues that may impact your permitting project and your flood insurance rates. This may also be an opportunity to help protect yourself and your property from future flooding.

Learn your flood hazard, flood zone and map information.

- Take this opportunity to ask for a Flood Zone Determination Letter that will outline all of the Flood Insurance Rate Map details including flood zone, base flood elevation, design flood, available elevation certificates and other details related to your property.
- At any time you can access flood map information about any property located within the boundaries of the City by calling 239-444-6150, emailing your request to floodinfo@cityofbonitaspringscd.org, visiting the City of Bonita Springs Community Development Department at 9220 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 111, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, or online at <https://bonitacd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=cb0716d022fc493c9a5ca49de43d3ce8>.

Know the safety and insurance benefits of exceeding minimum standards.

- Most construction projects located in the special flood hazard area (zones A, AE, Coastal A, V and VE) have **minimum** flood elevation requirements for the first livable floor of the project. Building higher than those minimums may further reduce your risk of flooding, may lower your flood insurance rates, and may keep your property in compliance with future FEMA flood map revisions. Your contractor and your insurance agent can advise you specifically on these advantages and the related construction costs.
- If your project is not located in the mapped special flood hazard area (such a zone X) local regulations require that the livable floor to be a minimum of one (1) foot above the crown of the road. Again, building higher than this minimum may further reduce your risk of flooding and may keep your property in compliance with future FEMA flood map revisions.
- The staff at the Community Development Department can provide additional flood related information about your property, including how spot grade elevations compare to the base flood elevation and whether there are local hydrology features that you should consider.
- If you currently have flooding issues on your property, staff can advise you on possible improvements. This may include a site visit to the property.

Don't block natural floodways.

- Florida State Law and local ordinances prohibit property owners from filling, diverting or otherwise blocking natural flow ways including rivers, creeks, ditches and swales. This includes allowing vegetation to obstruct water conveyances. Your property must be maintained to allow surface water to drain safely. Building and remodeling projects may not block natural flows and permits are required before any landscaping, remodeling or building project that will alter natural flows.

Choose your flood warning systems.

- Lee County Emergency Operations Center is the County's warning point for floods and other water-related hazards. We encourage you to select a free method to receive personal notifications of imminent threat through the Alert Lee System. Visit <https://alertlee.com/> or call (239) 533-0622 to sign up.

Get a printed or line copy of the Lee County All Hazards Guide

- This guide is loaded with helpful information about flood warnings, preparation, responses as well as property protection advise.
- Printed versions are available at convenient locations county-wide or the Lee County Emergency Operations Center located at 2675 Ortiz Avenue, Ft. Myers.
- Access the online version at <https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement>

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