

WHAT IS THE TOWN DOING?

The beach and dune system is our first line of defense against storms because it acts as a buffer between the waves and coastal buildings.

Floodwater storage is particularly important in urban areas, which usually have a great deal of impervious area. Open spaces provide an opportunity to accept excess stormwater runoff. Floodplains help protect water quality, recharge the aquifer and store water.

Keep our beach beautiful by following these rules:

- Sea oats and other beach plants help stabilize our sand dunes. Enjoy them, but don't pick them – it's illegal.
- No walking off marked paths;
- No dogs allowed on beachside of dune;
- No littering on the beach;
- Observe waterfront wildlife from a distance.

PROTECT NESTING SEA TURTLES

Do not place physical obstructions on the beach, which may entrap adults and hatchlings. Keep control of your pets as nests can be disturbed by stray or unleashed pets. For more, go to floods.org and search for "Green Guide."

SEA LEVEL RISE

Rising seas impact insurance rates, property values and property protection. Find out what you can do at cleoinstitute.org.



Sea level rise will make today's King tides become the future's everyday tides. Learn more at southeastfloridacclimatecompact.org.

In 2019 the Town created its "Climate Action Plan" with actions for building resiliency against the projected threats of climate change. Call the Town to request a copy of the plan at 305-861-4863.

FLOOD SAFETY

- Monitor a NOAA Weather Radio for weather conditions, including these frequencies: 162.400, 162.475, 162.550. Have extra batteries on hand.
- Do not drive through flooded areas! Never drive around barricades. Turn around, don't drown!
- Avoid wading or walking in floodwater, which can be contaminated. If you must walk through water, use a pole or stick to see how deep the water is.
- Underground or downed power lines can electrically charge floodwaters.

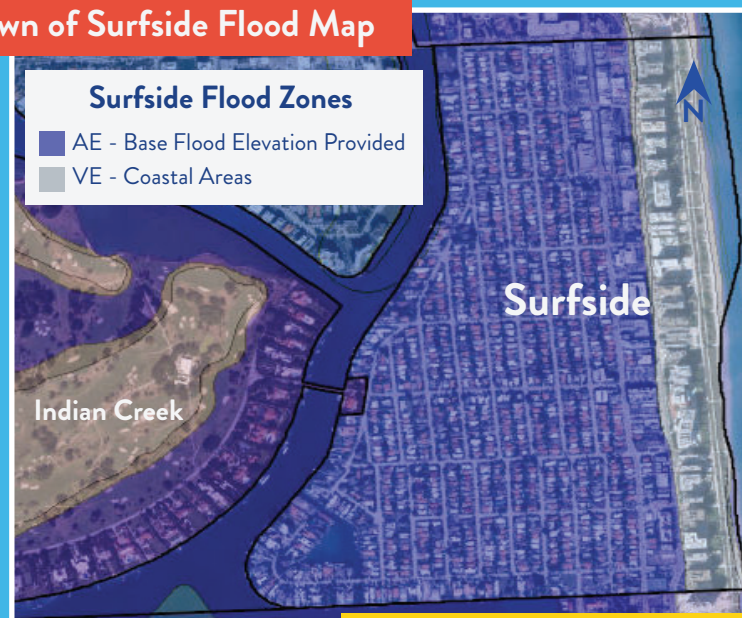
For more information on flood safety, visit FLGetaPlan.com.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris, preventing proper stormwater drainage.

It is illegal to throw anything into drains, the stormwater drainage system or waterways. Please report illegal dumping and blocked storm drains at 305-861-4863.

Town of Surfside Flood Map



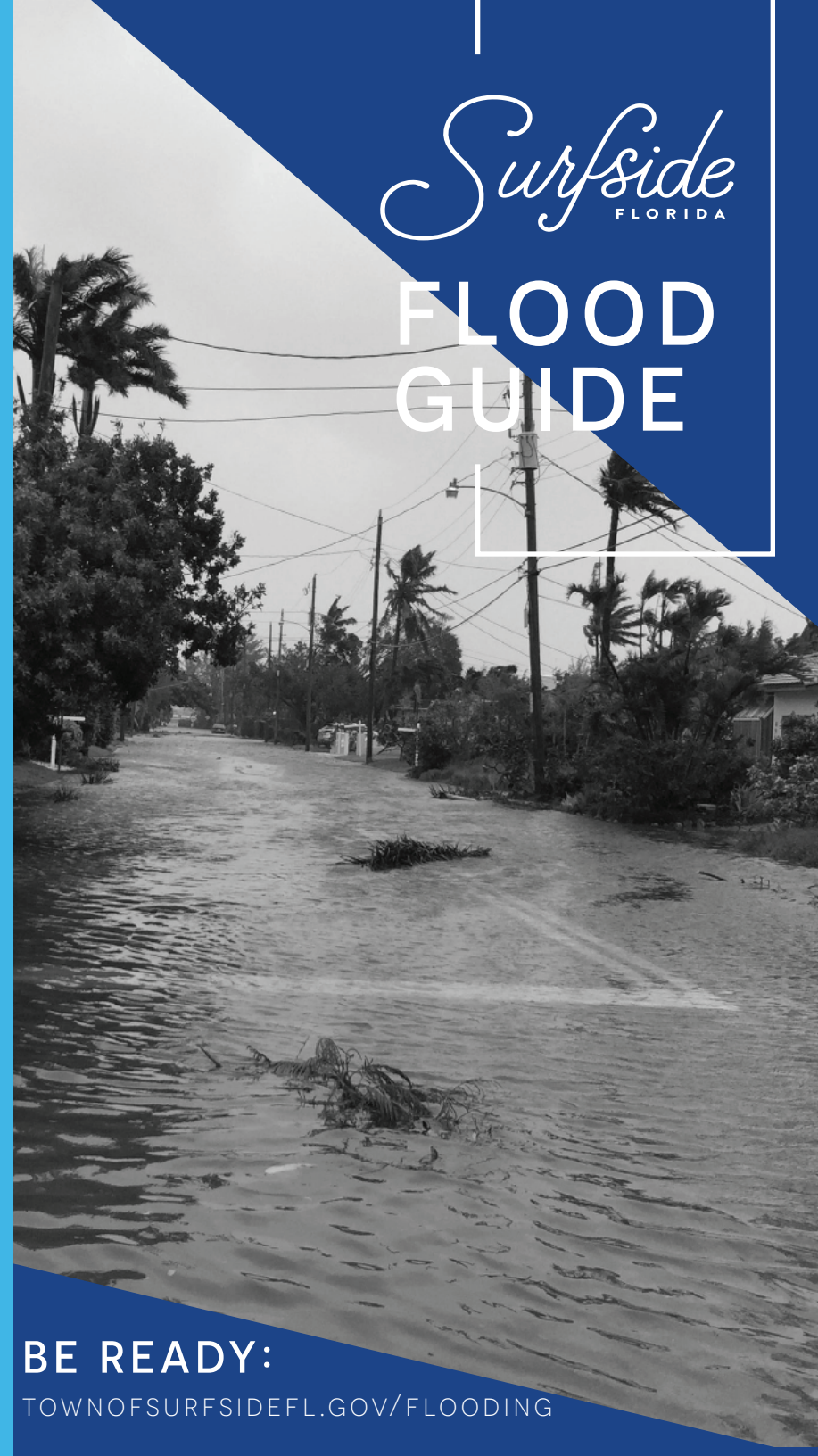
Source: Miami-Dade County Flood Zones



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FLOOD GUIDE



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TOWN MESSAGE

Our beautiful coastal setting makes the Town of Surfside a great place to live, but like many towns in South Florida, Surfside lies almost entirely in a high-risk flood area. A few inches of water can cost thousands of dollars in damages to homes and businesses.

Learn how to protect your property and our neighborhood from flood damage.

HOW CAN I PREPARE?

PROPERTY PROTECTION

- Clear drains, gutters and downspouts; secure loose outdoor items or take them inside.
- Raise furniture and electrical equipment off the floor, and unplug appliances not needed for the emergency.
- Check your building for water entry points, like doors, low windows and dryer vents. Protect these with low walls, berms, temporary shields and sandbags.
- Town staff offers advice and visits properties upon request to review potential flood problems and explain ways to stop or prevent flood drainage.
- Surfside offers these resident services: Consultation on the Substantial Damage/Improvement 50% rule, site specific elevations for mechanical equipment, elevation certificates, general information and brochures.

For more information, please contact the Town’s Building Department at 305-861-4863, ext. 231.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Property losses due to flooding are usually not covered under standard homeowners’ or renters’ insurance policies. Two types of flood insurance coverage are available: building and contents coverage. Contents coverage is available to renters. If you don’t have flood insurance, contact your insurance agent, visit floodsmart.gov or call 877-336-2627.

Buy flood insurance now as there is usually a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD ZONE

Everyone lives in a flood zone, because everywhere it can rain, it can flood.

Contact the Town’s Building Department to find out:

- Which flood zone a building is in (or view the map on the back of this brochure);
- If a property is susceptible to erosion and/or is in an area that has had past flooding;
- If you’re near an area affected by Sea Level Rise; and
- How to view FEMA flood maps.

EMERGENCY KIT

Make an emergency kit and stock it with essential items, including what is needed to protect you and your family from COVID-19. Gather needed supplies to last at least 72 hours. Include:

Cash (ATMs and credit card machines may not work)
Charging devices
Pet supplies
Water, non-perishable food
Medicines

STORM RESOURCES

- Surfside Storm Hotline: 305-993-1070
- Surfside CodeRed Alerts: To register, text SURFSIDE to 99411, call 305-861-4862 or download the CodeRED Alert App.
- County emergency alerts: miamidade.gov/account.
- Ready MDC App
- FEMA Mobile App.

KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE

Your evacuation zone is different than your flood zone. Surfside is in **Zone B** of the Storm Surge Planning Zones.

- Miami-Dade County issues evacuation orders for imminent storm surge, not wind. Storm surge is the water that is pushed toward the shore by strong storm winds. Storm surge, combined with high tides, can be extremely dangerous and destructive. Storm surge may flood the entire Town. Be prepared to evacuate.
- Take an ID with proof of your address with you if you evacuate.
- All Town personnel, including the Police, must also evacuate; no emergency services will be available.
- Have an evacuation and shelter route plan ready.
- Evacuate early – don’t get stranded. Fill up your car’s gas tank ahead of time, and expect traffic congestion. Bridges may close.
- For rumor control, information and/or evacuation assistance, call 311 or go to TownofSurfsideFL.gov and click on “Be Hurricane Ready.”
- Get a copy of the official Miami-Dade County Hurricane Readiness Guide at miamidade.gov/hurricane or by calling 305-468-5400.