

Drainage System Maintenance

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets on a weekly basis and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. As a resident you can help by not placing lawn cuttings out on the weekend. This is a violation of Section 9-23 of the Town Code. If you see or know of anyone illegally dumping materials/debris into the Town's catch basins or tampering with any part of the Town's drainage system, please contact Hall immediately.

Because your elected officials, administration, and Town staff are concerned about the safety, welfare, and quality of life in the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, we urge you to take the necessary steps to protect your family, possessions, and reduce the potential loss due to flooding. **This brochure has been produced to provide you with information as to the hazards of flooding within the Town. Remember ALL of the Town is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area, and as a result, any storm surge may flood the entire Town. Any flooding experienced here will most likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm.**

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most homeowners policies do not cover damages and losses due to floods. Flood insurance is available from the federal government as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through insurance brokers or agents as follows:

Insurance for Maximum Building Coverage Available

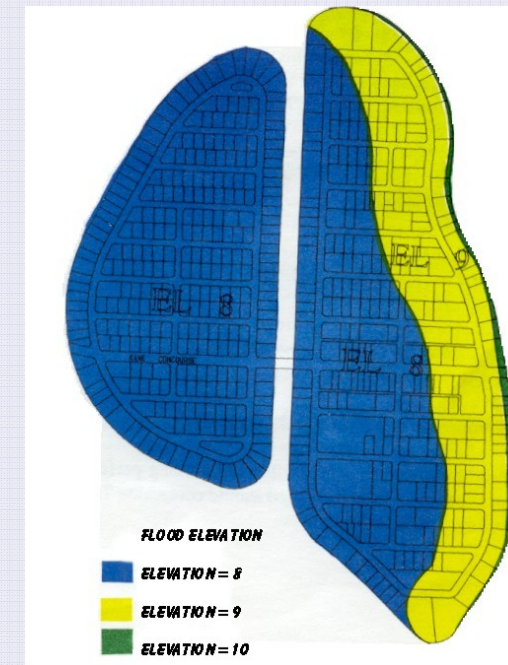
Single-family dwelling	\$250,000
Other residential	\$250,000
Non-residential	\$500,000

Contents Coverage Max. Avail.

Residential	\$100,000
Non-residential	\$500,000

Note: Flood insurance must be in place at least 30 days prior to the storm event in order for the loss to be covered.

Flood insurance is mandatory to secure a federally guaranteed mortgage in a Special Flood Hazard Area.



TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
FLOOD ELEVATION MAP

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The following information is important to you for the protection of your property



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FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

In cases where flooding might occur during an emergency situation the following local radio and television stations will provide information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System:

AM RADIO TELEVISION

WIOD-610 (E)	WFOR-CH 4 (E)
WQBA-1140 (S)	WTVJ-CH 6 (E)
WINZ-940(E)	WSVN-CH 7 (E)
WAQI-710 (S)	WPLG-CH 10 (E)
WLTV-CH23 (S)	

(E) = English Language Broadcast
(S) = Spanish Language Broadcast

Emergency information covering emergency procedures and evacuation routes is available through Miami-Dade County **Emergency Management** offices located at **9300 NW 41 Street, Miami, Florida 33178** the telephone number is **(305) 468-5400**.

In the event of a Hurricane, all residents of Bay Harbor Islands are required to evacuate. Shelter information will be broadcast at the time of the emergency. However, each resident should make plans well in advance of the emergency.

During other emergencies you may contact the following:

(FIRE & RESCUE) 911

Bay Harbor Islands Police Dept 305-866-6242

Other sources for information concerning Special Flood Hazard Areas and insurance are:

Town Hall	305-866-6241
Library	305-682-0726
DERM	305-375-3376
S. Florida Water Mgt	407-687-6966
State NFIP Coordinator	904-487-4915
FEMA	404-853-4408

FLOOD SAFETY

Flood Safety is your responsibility as a citizen and resident of Bay Harbor Islands. The following information is provided to enable you to develop a plan to minimize losses due to flooding and storm events.

- Secure flood insurance to protect your investment in your property and possessions. Flood insurance must be purchased at least 30 days prior to the loss to be effective. Plan ahead.
- List your possessions and take photographs for claim purposes if needed.
- Prepare personal evacuation plans and preparations for food, medicine, water and other supplies for a two-week survival period without electricity. Prepare a pre-emergency check list. Always remember to turn off your gas and electricity prior to evacuating.
- If you have special medical needs, make arrangements with your doctor and/or register with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management at 305-468-5900.
- Obtain storm shutters for all doors and window openings on your building.
- Trim all trees and shrubs regularly before a storm threatens. Last minute trimming creates more hazards than not trimming.

Detailed information concerning flood preparedness and insurance is available at:

Miami-Dade County Library
Sunny Isles Beach Branch
Reference Section
18070 Collins Avenue
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 33160
Phone: 305-682-0726

FLOOD PROOFING

The term "Flood Proofing" means physical alterations to your building that improve the ability of property and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding.

You need to prepare your own emergency list of activities and procedures to follow in case of a pending flood, tropical storm or hurricane. Information is available at the library or Office of Emergency Management. You must take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions.

There are a number of ways to flood proof your structure. Some of the possible solutions are flood panels, berms, flood walls and elevated structures. Additional information can be found in the reference section of the library in the book "Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures."

Measures that property owners take to protect their structures from flooding can reduce the cost of flood insurance.

Hurricane storm shutters are now required by the Miami-Dade County Building Code for all new buildings and those who change doors or windows. Permits are required for installation of shutters.

DRY FLOOD PROOFING

Flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Information on this can also be found in the library reference section.

FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has a flood damage prevention ordinance that governs all development within the Town. This ordinance complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable state law. Cumulative substantial improvement over a five year period is contained in the ordinance. Work that exceeds 50% of the value of the structure in five years triggers additional requirements.

To assist residents in understanding the National Flood Insurance Program and the effects on construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the Town offers the following services; map determination (determining the correct Base Flood Elevation for specific properties), consultations on the FEMA 50% rule, site specific elevations for mechanical equipment, elevation certificates general information and brochures. For further assistance, please stop by the Town's Building Department or call them at 305-993-1786.

Since the Town lies completely in a special flood hazard area, and surrounded by Biscayne Bay all development or improvements requires permitting from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Building Department. This is to insure that proposed development or improvement meets all existing codes for the work contemplated.

This includes buildings, fences, slabs, pools, sprinklers, air conditioners, excavations, grading, and filling. In fact, any work that has a value of \$100.00 or more must have a permit. All work must have a permit card prominently displayed on the building.

Anyone who sees construction work being performed and does not see a permit card should contact the Town's Building Department.