



City of Anna Maria

Hurricane Season - June 1 through November 30, 2006

City Hall - 10005 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, Florida
(941) 708-6130

All land in the **CITY OF ANNA MARIA** is in a special flood hazard zone. The City participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) program to reduce the cost of all property owners' flood insurance. One of CRS programs requires informing the community of the hazards of flooding. The average land elevation in the City is five (5) feet. The worst case flood height is between nine (9) and fourteen (14) feet. A severe Gulf storm forecast to land elsewhere could suddenly turn toward Anna Maria Island. Within hours, the ferocity of wind and rain may threaten your safety. This pamphlet provides information on flood damage prevention, hurricane preparation and emergency action to be taken by you and your family.

FLOOD HAZARD: The storm water system empties/discharges into Tampa Bay and the City's canals. The system is influenced by tides that contribute to draining and flooding problems in the city. When there is a high tide or heavy rains, the storm system will rapidly fill-up from storm water run-off and tidal waters, causing flood conditions on our lawns and in streets and swale areas. In June 1992, an unnamed tropical depression developed in the Gulf of Mexico. The storm produced fourteen (14) inches of rain in Manatee County. Combined with high winds, it destroyed seventy (70) homes in west central Florida killing two people. In March 1993, what became known as the *storm of the century* rapidly intensified producing seventy (70) mph winds and strong bands of thunderstorms locally as it moved north toward the Panhandle. Early September 2004, Hurricane Frances passed north of the City causing local flooding and beach erosion. Mid September, 2004, Hurricane Ivan stayed three hundred miles off shore, but produced tides 3 to 4 feet higher than normal causing local flooding and severe beach erosion. September 2004, Hurricane Jeanne, similar to Hurricane Frances, took the same track causing additional flooding and beach erosion.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM: The City of Anna Maria and the Manatee County Emergency Operations Center depend on the National Weather Service (NWS) for flood notifications. The NWS issues flood advisories at least six (6) hours prior to expected heavy rainfall that could cause the drainage system to overflow and create street and property flooding. The City also has a citywide flood warning plan that uses the Manatee County Sheriff to provide early warnings of NWS potential flooding and high wind events. The Sheriff uses sirens and loud speakers to issue warnings and evacuation orders to residents and businesses.

FLOOD INSURANCE: Many mortgage lenders require flood insurance based on the elevation of the lowest floor of your building. Properties without a mortgage or properties not located within a flood hazard area can still obtain flood insurance coverage. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Homeowner's insurance and/or Windstorm insurance policies do not cover flood damage to the structure. All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, FNMA, etc.) must carry flood insurance.

The City of Anna Maria is a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) community. Flood insurance is available at a reduced rate to protect all dwellings, condominiums, apartments and commercial structures within the City. You are eligible for flood insurance, regardless of whether your property has ever flooded...or has flooded several times in the past.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS & SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS: The City of Anna Maria and the NFIP require development permits for all new construction of buildings and structures. Activities in which the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, repair of damaged buildings or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value within a five year period,

must meet the flood damage prevention requirements as provided in the City Ordinances. Contact the Building Department before you build, alter, re-grade or fill in your property or to report illegal activity in the floodplain. The **Building Department is located at City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, or phone (941) 708-6132.**

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Proper drainage helps reduce the risk of flooding. It is illegal for any direct or indirect entry (discharge) of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter into the drainage system. The City inspects the drainage systems and removes blockages that are reported or found. You can help in this process by keeping the banks clear of brush and debris or by calling the **Public Works Department at (941) 708-6130** if you see a potential problem.

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS: Bean Point, Bay Front Park, Gulf Park and mangrove preserve areas located along the canals are environmentally sensitive land. These undisturbed natural areas of Anna Maria act as a storage area for storm waters, reducing the affect of flooding to streets and nearby buildings. Please help keep this area natural and beautiful by reporting any illegal dumping and littering violations to the Public Works Department.

MAP DETERMINATIONS & ELEVATION CERTIFICATE: The City of Anna Maria Building Department makes available Elevation Certificates and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations to let you know which flood hazard area your property is in. All land in the City of Anna Maria is in one of the following Special Flood Hazard areas: Zone A11 and Coastal high-hazard V9, V10 and V14 zones. The City will respond to written inquiries. Maps, certificates and request forms are available at the Building Department.

SITE VISITS: Upon request, a representative from the City will visit your property to review flooding problems and to explain possible ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage. Please call the City of Anna Maria Building Department to schedule an appointment.

COMPLAINTS: If you have experienced flooding, drainage, sewer backup problems, or witness illegal dumping of debris into City canals, lakes, or storm drains, please call the Public Works Department (941) 708-6130 or the Manatee County Sheriff at (941) 747-2677.

HURRICANE AND FLOODING RELATED INTERNET WEB SITES

- <http://www.cityofannamaria.com>
- http://www.co.manatee.fl.us/internet/planning_site.nsf/
- <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/html/tbw/>
- <http://www.tbrpc.org/>
- <http://www.fpl.com/storm/contents/index.shtml>
- <http://floridadisaster.org/>
- <http://www.fema.gov/>
- <http://www.noaa.gov/index.html>

RADIO STATIONS

- 970 AM WFLA
- 100.7 FM WMTX Manatee County
Emergency Alert

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- MC Emergency Management
(941) 748-4501

- MC Sheriff
(941) 747-3011
- Florida Power and Light
(800) 468-8243
- Red Cross
(941) 792-8686
- Animal Services
(941) 742-5933
- Special Needs Registration
(941) 748-4501
- Deaf Communication TDD Messages
(941) 742-5802

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PREPARATION FOR EVACUATION: Keep a battery-powered radio tuned in to local stations, and if the evacuation order is given, comply with it. Even if the evacuation order turns out to be unnecessary, leaving the Island is better than risking the potential loss of life by staying. Don't wait for a storm to come ashore before you leave.

When preparing your home prior to evacuation turn off all the electricity, with the possible exception of the power to your refrigerator. Fill your tubs, sinks, and any available containers with water in case fresh water is not available after the storm. Shut off your water main to prevent any contaminated water from backing up into your house. If possible, board up your windows to protect them from flying debris. Move as many valuables as possible to upper floors or higher elevations. Elevate furniture if possible.

Be sure the car is fueled and ready to go, or call the person who agreed to give you a ride.

Put emergency supplies in the car or near the front door.

Put away ALL objects on your lawn or patio that could be picked up and carried by the wind. Lawn chairs, garbage cans, garden tools, toys, signs, and other normally harmless items can become dangerous projectiles in a storm.

Secure or move inside any items that will float and become a hazard during a storm.

Close and lock windows and glass doors. Lower blinds and close curtains in case the windows break. If there is time, you can nail boards over windows.

Fill bathtubs and other clean containers with water in case water lines are damaged by the storm.

Put important papers like birth and marriage certificates, wills, and insurance papers in a waterproof container with your food supply or in a safe deposit box at the bank.

Remove **HAZARDOUS** materials from storage sheds and areas below the Base Flood Elevation.

WEATHER REPORTS:

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RADIO

KEC-38 @ 162.450 Largo
KHB-32 @ 162.550 Tampa

The Weather Service tracks hurricanes and warns people when a hurricane is moving toward shore. They use two different terms to warn us: **HURRICANE WATCH** and **HURRICANE WARNING**.

A **HURRICANE WATCH** means a hurricane might hit our area. If a **HURRICANE WATCH** is issued, keep listening to local radio or television stations for the latest weather information.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** is issued when a hurricane is expected to hit our area within twenty-four (24) hours.

MANDATORY EVACUATION: A mandatory evacuation requires your departure from Anna Maria Island to the mainland. Use Route 64/Manatee Avenue to get to an Emergency Operation Center designated shelter. Emergency personnel will assist you once you arrive.

Manatee County Sheriff Deputies uses sirens and loud speakers to issue warnings and evacuations orders to residents and businesses.

Your family should leave immediately. Do not wait. Roads can flood quickly and keep you from leaving the Island.

RESIDENT POST DISASTER RE-ENTRY TAGS (HANG TAGS):

Re-entry tags are available for residents of the City of Anna Maria. An application for a tag needs to be submitted with two forms of identification i.e., Driver's License, Voter ID card, utility bill, etc. showing the physical address of your property in the City.

Only one tag will be issued per residence, regardless of the number of vehicles owned by the household..

A **RE-ENTRY TAG** application may be obtained from City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, Monday –Friday 9am -3pm.



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Hurricane & Severe Storm Flooding Preparedness



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