

City of Palmetto, Florida
Development Services
601 17th Street West
Palmetto, Florida 34221
Phone: (941) 723-4580

January 2020

NOTICE TO: City of Palmetto Property Owners and Residents

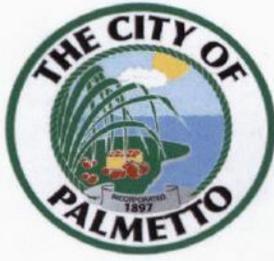
SUBJECT: Flood Zone Information

The City of Palmetto is pleased to offer assistance in the area of flood map information as well as technical assistance in flood-proofing existing structures in the City of Palmetto. This service is at no cost to the customer.

The City of Palmetto tries to make flood insurance as affordable as possible for its residents with the assistance of the National Flood Insurance Program by requiring and inspecting for proper drainage structures and construction of structures above the base flood elevation.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, since the City of Palmetto participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, property-owners may purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government and is available to all properties, even to properties that have formerly flooded. In addition, since the City also participates in the Community Rating System, you will receive a reduction in the insurance premium rate. Please contact your local insurance agent for more specific information on rates and coverage within the City.

If you would like further information, additional documents regarding flood zones, hurricane preparation and others are available on our website and at all public City buildings as well as local insurance offices. The Public Works Department is open from, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Public Works Department at (941) 723-4580 or stop by the office at 601 17th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221.



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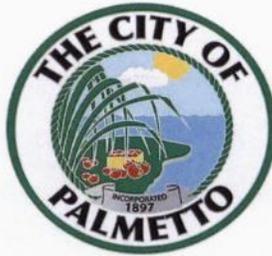
NOTICE TO: Lending Institutions, Real Estate and Insurance Agents

SUBJECT: CRS Activity 320-Provision of Flood Insurance Rate Map Zone Information

As a public service, the City of Palmetto will provide you with the following information upon request:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the City;
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM;
- Handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements which can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA;
- Elevation certificate for new and substantially improved structures in the SFHA since 1991;
- Updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps when revisions are made to the maps;
- Reminder notice mailed annually in utility bills providing FEMA Flood related information; and
- Additional FIRM information, problems not shown on the FIRM, flood depth dates, special flood related hazards, historical flood information, and natural floodplain functions.

If you would like to make an inquiry, please tell us the street address and, if available, the subdivision, lot and block number. The Public Works Department is open from, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Public Works Department at (941) 723-4580 or stop by the office at 601 17th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221.



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH
HURRICANE GUIDE DISTRIBUTION**

Distributed June 2020

As part of our effort to inform residents of the City, the Palmetto Public Works Department has distributed the 2020 Hurricane Guide provided to us from the Manatee County Office of Public Safety. In addition to availability at all City Buildings, the Guide was specifically distributed to the following locations:

Colonial Mobile Manor
900 9th Ave. E
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-3191
Amount provided: 30

Palmetto Mobile Home Club, Inc.
1201 8th Ave. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-2900
Amount provided: 100

Jet Mobile Home Park
506 5th Ave. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-1711
Amount provided: 50

Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park
3100 10th St. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 721-8888
Amount provided: 80

Lone Oak Trailer Park
115 10th St. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-7048
Amount provided: 20 English, 20 Spanish

Rainbow Trailer Park:
1015 12th Ave. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-5148
Amount provided: 20 English, 25 Spanish

Palm Bay Mobile Home Park
751 10th St. E
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-7048
Amount provided: 30

Pegal Point
327 3rd St. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 238-8258
Amount provided: 20

Total Distribution: 400 by ____

GENERAL FLOODING INFORMATION:

While hurricanes are known and feared for their ferocious winds, historically, the *water* causes most of the deaths in hurricanes. Approximately 90% of all hurricane fatalities occur from drowning in either storm surge or freshwater flooding. The widespread flooding caused by Tropical Storm Fay in 2008 and in Hurricanes Harvey and Dorian serve as a reminder that tropical storms can cause as much or greater devastation than hurricanes with freshwater flooding and associated debris flows.

Even outside of tropical systems, flooding is a serious concern in Florida since it can happen anywhere and at any time. Effects from flooding can be localized, impacting just a few streets in a neighborhood or community, or very large, affecting multiple cities, counties and even whole states. Flooding is caused by the amount of rainfall and what happens to the rain after it hits the ground.

As our State's population increases, buildings and pavement replace the natural land. This creates more water runoff and can increase flood problems. Most deaths due to flooding in the United States are due to people driving their cars into flooded areas. Once a vehicle begins to float, the situation for the driver and passengers becomes dangerous and often deadly.

DID YOU KNOW?? Just 6 inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock you off your feet and 2 feet of water can sweep an SUV off the road.

Residents should be aware of their location with respect to flood-prone areas and know evacuation routes. People are also urged to be extremely cautious when driving in heavy rains, especially when water covers the road. Because it is difficult to determine the depth of the water or the condition of the road under the water, if you come to a flooded road, remember the phrase "*Turn Around, Don't Drown*".

Meteorologists at the National Weather Service Southeast River Forecast Center and local weather service offices all watch the weather and use satellite pictures, Doppler radar and computer models to try to warn people well in advance of the flooding so they can save lives and property. Flood watches and warnings, along with flash flood watches and warnings are issued for specific areas when flooding conditions are likely or are already occurring.

More information about flooding and what you can do to protect yourself and others can be found at [Weather.gov/Flood Safety](http://Weather.gov/Flood%20Safety) or www.floridadisaster.org.