



## Protect the Natural Floodplains

Do not walk on sand dunes or disturb vegetation; they protect beaches from erosion and help to lessen flooding during coastal storms.

### Only rain down the drain!

Keep lawn clippings, leaves and other debris out of streets, storm drains, ditches, wetlands, and waterways.

**It is illegal to dump** leaves or other yard waste, motor oil, trash, chlorinated pool water, paint, or any other pollutants into the street, storm drains or waterways.



## Did You Know?

- ▶ Flooding can be caused by heavy rains as well as by tropical storms and hurricanes.
- ▶ Everyone in the Town of Redington Shores is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, which has at least a one in four chance of flooding during a 30-year period.
- ▶ The Town of Redington Shores is located in Hurricane Evacuation Zone A.
- ▶ Pinellas County will notify you of an emergency with phone messages. Sign-up for the free community notification service at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency). The County will also notify the local news stations about emergencies. Tune in for updates.
- ▶ Natural floodplains provide storage for flood waters and buffer the coastal areas from storm surges. They also improve water quality, recharge aquifers, improve wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities.
- ▶ The State's Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) program protects beaches and dunes from construction that could weaken, damage, or destroy the integrity of beach and dune systems that help protect against flooding.

## National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

By providing the flood services mentioned in this brochure and participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), residents in Redington Shores receive a 15% discount on flood insurance policy premiums. With your continued support, there is an opportunity to save even more in the future.

For more on the information presented in this brochure and other flood information, contact:

**(727) 397-5538**

[www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding](http://www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding)



# YOUR GUIDE TO Flood Information in the Town of Redington Shores



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## Build Responsibly

- ▶ Find out what permits you need by contacting the Town's Building Official at (727) 397-5538.
- ▶ Plan for proper drainage.
- ▶ Be aware of the substantial improvement rules.

## Property Protection

- ▶ Elevate your equipment, such as water heaters, AC units, etc.
- ▶ Implement floodproofing techniques.
- ▶ Staff are available to provide in person property protection consultations and drainage evaluations. Visit [www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding](http://www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding) or contact the Town at (727) 397-5538.

## Flood Insurance

### Anywhere it rains, it can flood.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located in the special flood hazard area. Condo owners and renters should get flood insurance because the association's flood coverage will only cover common areas.

Contact a local insurance agent or lender for details. There is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect – so don't delay.

Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or call toll-free, (888) 379-9531 for information on policy rates.



Everything you need to help you prepare is in the *All-Hazard Guide for Pinellas County Surviving the Storm*, which is available at Town Hall, County buildings, public libraries, many pharmacies, as well as online at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency).



## Stay Connected

The Town of Redington Shores and Pinellas County have several methods of communication to keep you informed. You can:

- ▶ Sign-up for **Alert Pinellas**, the free notification service at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency)
- ▶ Sign-up for e-Lert, a monthly e-newsletter about hurricane safety at [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/stayconnected.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/stayconnected.htm)
- ▶ Sign up for Redington Shores email notifications at [www.townofredingtonshores.com](http://www.townofredingtonshores.com)
- ▶ Tune in to Bright House channel 642

## Be Prepared

- ▶ GET A PLAN! Go to [FLGetAPlan.com](http://FLGetAPlan.com) to get an emergency plan for you, your loved ones, and your pets.
- ▶ Pack an emergency "Go Bag"
- ▶ Inventory, photograph or videotape your home or business

## What is my Flood Risk?

1. What flood zone am I in?
2. What types of flooding am I susceptible to?
3. Do I need flood insurance?
4. Am I in a storm surge area?
5. What's the difference between a flood zone and an evacuation zone?
6. How deep could the flood get?
7. How do I get the information I need to complete my elevation certificate?\*

To find answers to these questions and more about your flood risk, visit [www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding](http://www.townofredingtonshores.com/flooding) or contact the Town at (727) 397-5538.

\* Redington Shores provides copies of completed FEMA elevation certificates.

