

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

April 30th to May 6th



DID YOU KNOW? FLOOD FACTS

- 1 Many areas in Seminole County are potentially prone to some amount of flooding, whether riverine flooding, or localized flooding from excessive rainfall. Property owners should know their flood risk. Find out more at: www.seminolecountyfl.gov/floods.
- 2 Flood insurance is available to everyone, regardless of whether you own, rent, or have a business, and is available even if you are not in a mapped floodplain. Flood insurance is not included in your homeowners insurance policy. For more information, visit www.floodsmart.gov.
- 3 **Stay safe.** Intense or excessive rainfall can overtop canals and ditches, flooding roadways. Remember to turn around, don't drown, as driving in flooded roadways can stall your car and cause wave action to further flood structures along the road. Prepare ahead for bad weather and make a flood emergency plan today. For more information, visit www.prepareseminole.org.
- 4 Protect your property from flood hazards. Insurance is your first level of protection. Other methods include installing flood proofing where appropriate, raising electrical system components, or elevating/relocating the entire structure. For more information on how to protect your property, visit www.seminolecountyfl.gov/floods.
- 5 Build responsibly. Avoid building in floodplains, whenever possible. Before you build (or repair), find out what the regulations are and what permits are required. Be aware of substantial improvement/damage rules, which are there to correct structures built before current regulations and flood mapping. These apply when a structure is below a known base flood elevation. For more information, visit www.seminolecountyfl.gov/floods.
- 6 Protect our natural floodplain functions. Keep swales and drainage ditches clear of debris to ensure water flow. Report any dumping of materials to 407-665-2260. Learn more about natural floodplains at www.seminolecountyfl.gov/floods.
- 7 The cost to recover from lost infrastructure due to flooding is high. Research has shown mitigation through insurance, retrofitting, relocation or elevating saves a community \$7 for every \$1 spent. For more information about grant programs for mitigating your structure, visit www.prepareseminole.org.

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