A Guide to Flood Mitigation

What is Mitigation?

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Take action now before the next disaster to reduce human and financial consequences later.

Build Responsibly

- If you plan on improving your home, or your home has sustained damage where repairs cost 50% or more of the building pre-damaged, you will be required to bring your structure up to current building and floodplain standards.
- Get a permit before you build and work with a licensed contractor.

GET A PLAN!
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Protect Natural Floodplain Resources

- Floodplains, wetlands, and coastal barrier resources or land use regulations, such as zoning, can be used to steer development away from sensitive or natural areas.
- Beach nourishment and dune rebuilding can be used to protect inland development by maintaining the natural flood protection features.

- Don't dump grass or other items in storm drains.
- Stay away from turtle nesting areas.
- Keep our creeks and streams clean and free of debris.
- Stay off sand dunes and do not disturb grass used as dune stabilization.
- Protect Florida's mangrove species which filter oil and associated storm-water run off.

For more information on floodplain mitigation, visit:

www.FloridaDisaster.org

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