

Flood Insurance Information

Deer Park is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which means that you can purchase flood insurance to protect your property against the hazard of flooding. Here are some facts:

- 1. Floods can be caused by heavy storms, hurricanes, inadequate or overloaded drainage systems.
- 2. Just an inch of water can cause costly damage to your property.
- 3. You don't need to live near water to be flooded.
- 4. Approximately 25% of all flood insurance claims are paid on properties rated as being low to moderate risk areas.
- 5. Most property insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding.
- 6. Federal disaster assistance requires a Presidential declaration, which happens less than 50% of flooding events.
- 7. The most typical form of federal disaster assistance is a loan that must be repaid with interest.
- 8. A flood policy will pay covered losses even if a disaster is not declared by the President.
- 9. The average flood insurance policy with \$100,000 in building coverage cost \$400 a year, versus a monthly disaster loan payment of \$240 for many years on a \$50,000 disaster loan.
- 10. There is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect, so don't wait until a flood is threatening.