

Visit the Following Web Sites for More Details on Flooding:

- **Manasquan Flood Information**
www.manasquan-nj.gov/OEM
- **FEMA Floodplain and Evacuation Maps for Manasquan** www.manasquan-nj.gov/OEM
- **Manasquan's Emergency Alert Registry**
www.manasquan-nj.gov
- **Manasquan's Flood Warning System**
www.manasquan-nj.gov/OEM
- **Protect Your Property or Business from Disaster**
www.fema.gov/protect-your-property
- **FEMA Flood Map Service Center Online FEMA Flood Maps**
<http://msc.fema.gov>
- **Facts about Flood Insurance**
www.floodsmart.gov

Important Numbers

Police, Fire and Rescue (Flood-Related Emergency)	911
Municipal Offices	(732) 223-0544
Construction/Code Zoning Administrator/Clerk	
Office of Emergency Management	(732) 223-1046
Department of Public Works	(732) 223-0369
FEMA Map Information Exchange	(877) FEMA MAP
American Red Cross of New Jersey Monmouth County Office	(732) 493-9100

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You don't need to live right on the water to be at risk of flooding. Floods are caused by storms, melting snow, hurricanes and water backup due to overloaded drainage systems and dam or levee failures. Floods are the most common natural disaster in the U.S. This brochure explains flood hazards, identifies measures Manasquan has taken to protect lives and property from flood damage, and suggests actions you can take to minimize your risk.

Flood Hazards

There are two basic types of flooding that affect our area, coastal and riverine.

Due to our low-lying geography and proximity to the coast, Manasquan is extremely susceptible to coastal flooding. When coastal flooding occurs, water rises along the Atlantic Ocean, Manasquan River and smaller tributaries including the Glimmer Glass and Stockton Lake. This rising water overtops dunes, marshes, bulkheads and roadways, overwhelms drainage systems, and inundates surrounding areas.

Hurricanes, tropical storms and strong nor'easters produce a particularly dangerous type of coastal flooding referred to as storm surge. A wall of water sweeps inland with the landfall of the storm and can result in devastating flooding as what was witnessed with Superstorm Sandy in 2012. In addition to storm surge, direct wave attack may further damage homes with coastal frontage during strong coastal storms.

Another common type of flooding that occurs in our area is localized riverine flooding. Constant heavy rainfall produces huge volumes of runoff that can overload drainage systems and can back up into streets and low-lying areas. Homes and businesses can flood, especially in basements and first floors, leaving the community to cope with the problems that result.

Steps You Can Take to Protect Yourself

Here are some steps you and your family can take to protect yourself, your home and your financial future.

- Educate yourself about the flood risks in your area.
- Find a fast and safe route to higher ground from your home, place of work and school.
- Be aware of which transportation routes may be closed in case of flooding.
- Buy flood insurance. A homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flooding. You can obtain flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Manasquan is an active participant in the NFIP, which qualifies you for flood insurance.
- Be prepared to move valuables to upper floors or to safe ground.
- Take pictures of important possessions. If your home is damaged in a flood, documentation will help you in filing a flood insurance claim.
- Have a working sump pump. Buy and install a sump pump with a back-up generator.
- Keep the storm drains near your property free of debris. Trash, yard waste and other waste materials do not belong in storm drains and can slow the flow of water.
- Check your local weather conditions regularly or purchase and listen to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio.
- Have emergency/disaster supplies on hand. Food, bottled water, first-aid kit, medicine, battery-operated radio and flashlight, and extra batteries are a few of the needed supplies. Visit Ready.gov for information on emergency planning.
- Be safe. Don't walk through flowing water or drive through flooded areas. Also, keep away from any downed power lines.

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- For comprehensive flood preparedness, safety, protection, mitigation, insurance and financial information, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program's official website at www.floodsmart.gov.

Municipal Resources

Please visit www.manasquan-nj.gov and click on "Flood Information" for local flood information including knowing your flood hazard, flood insurance, flood safety, property protection, how to build responsibly, protecting natural floodplain functions as well as municipal resources available to you on flood protection and mitigation.

Manasquan's Construction & Code Department offers the following services to property owners:

- Copies of Elevation Certificates (when available)
- Map Interpretations including flood zone determination, base flood elevations, coastal erosion hazard areas, BFE flood depth data, historical flood data, hurricane and coastal flood inundation areas
- Free technical assistance on flood protection, mitigation, insurance and financial assistance
- Request a site visit to review flooding, drainage, and sewer problems as well as about how to protect your property from flooding.

For any of the above services, or any questions regarding flooding, flood mapping, flood protection assistance or to request a site visit, please contact Manasquan's Construction & Code Department at (732) 223-0544 ext. 307 or visit the 2nd floor of Borough Hall.

Visit www.manasquan-nj.gov/OEM to:

- Learn about our Flood Monitoring & forecasts systems
- Register for Manasquan's Emergency Alerts
- Sign up for Manasquan's Flood Advisory System
- Learn about evacuation zones and warning systems