

BEACH HAVEN IS LOCATED IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA - KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK!



Beach Haven is located within the 100-year floodplain and additionally entirely located in what FEMA has labeled as a Special Flood Hazard Area. A home within a special flood hazard area has a 26% chance of experiencing flood damage during the term of a 30-year mortgage. Since our community is situated between the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Barnegat Bay to the west, we are especially vulnerable to the destructive effects of rising flood waters.

- Ask your Insurance Agent if you are covered for Flood Damage, Renters should also buy flood insurance to cover their personal property. **It takes thirty days for a flood policy to take effect.** This is why you need to purchase flood insurance before flooding occurs. for more information go to www.floodsmart.gov.
- The best way to minimize flood damage is to raise your house so the lowest habitable floor is above your base flood elevation.
- Is the main electrical switchbox located above potential flood waters? The main electric panel board height is regulated by code. All electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician.
- Are electric outlets and switches located above potential flood waters? Consider elevating all electrical outlets, switches, light sockets, electric baseboard heaters, and wiring above the projected flood elevation for your home.
- Is the furnace, water heater, washer, dryer above potential flood waters? Outside air conditioning compressors and heat pumps are required to be placed on a base above the projected flood elevation. All work must conform to state and local building codes.
- Does your home have flood vents? Installation of flood vents within the enclosure space below the first floor allows for flood waters to flow through equalizing hydrostatic pressure and may lower your flood insurance premium.
- Flood insurance rate maps are on file in the Borough Building Department. For a determination of your flood zone, flooding and drainage issues, or for a personal consultation on flood mitigation and retrofitting of your flood prone home please call 609-492-0909.
- Local permits are required for all developments and improvements BEFORE you make any improvements, contact the construction office to determine what permits are required at 609-492-0909.
- Preliminary Base Flood Elevation Maps have been developed by FEMA and are available for viewing online at www.region2coastal.com.

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The Borough is prone to flooding from hurricanes, tropical storms and northeasters. The dunes are our best protection against storm damage and erosion and are also our first line of defense against the onslaught of the high incoming seas resulting from storms. Preserving these dunes is of the utmost importance. The Borough maintains strict standards for dune restoration and preservation. Residents and visitors are reminded not to remove any sediment or native vegetation, place any non-living trees, brush, shrubs or other debris or remove or destroy any sand fencing, unless it is part of an authorized dune maintenance activity. Homeowners are encouraged to plant dune grass which helps to stabilize them. For further information on these topics please contact the Emergency Management Office via email at emergmgmt@beachhaven-nj.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AT BEACHHAVEN-NJ.GOV
CLICK ON THE CRS LINK ON THE HOME PAGE!