



TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

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Dewey Beach Property Owner:

Town of Dewey Beach – Floodplain Management

If your property in the Town of Dewey Beach is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area as determined and mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the attached map can assist you in determining where your property is located in the Town; the map also designates the different areas. There are two basic categories of Flood Hazard Zones in Dewey Beach:

A Zones – where flooding is usually 1-3 ft. deep, sheet flow or ponding and very low velocity flow from the Rehoboth Bay.

V Zones – where flooding includes velocity hazard (wave action) from the direct Atlantic oceanfront which has catastrophic potential for structures on the beach.

There are things you should do to reduce the threat of loss due to flooding. First, assess your risk. Determine the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for your location; if the First Floor of your property is below the BFE, investigate the feasibility of raising the structure or converting the First Floor to non-habitable space. If your water heater, air conditioner or other permanently installed, vulnerable items are below the BFE, look into having them raised. When these type remedies are not available, plan ahead to move appliances, furniture, carpets, etc., to a higher floor. Include in that plan provisions to secure loose objects outside that can become missiles in wind and flood situations.

Flood Insurance & Property Protection Information is available at the Town Hall. Also available is a wide range of information from the Building Official concerning the flood threat, retrofitting ideas, contractors experienced in retrofitting, as well as how to select the right contractor. **If you need help in this process, contact the Building Official at (302) 227-6363.**

Sincerely,

William L. Mears
Building Official/Code Enforcer

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