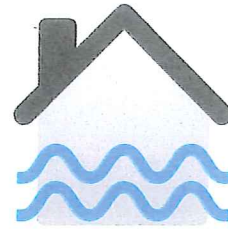


## FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

### CRYSTAL RIVER 2015 – 2016



The City of Crystal River would like to remind residents and property owners of the flood hazards posed by the Crystal River and its tributaries and suggest ways to protect both people and property!

FLOODING IN CRYSTAL RIVER – Everyone remembers the 1993 “No-Name Storm” and the damage that was done throughout the State of Florida, including Crystal River. As you will see by the photo on the website we suffered extensive damage from that flood event. It is important that our residents are aware of this potential danger and to properly prepare for it!

FLOOD SAFETY – The Citrus County Office of Emergency Management in Lecanto has information on its website to direct you in the event of an emergency, including storm events. You can find this information at [www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency).

In addition, you may contact the following emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 352-726-1121  
Inverness Ops Center - 352-726-4488  
Inverness Civil Office - 352-341-6525  
Crystal River / Gulf Region - 352-795-4241

When the EOC activates due to a pending threat, or a disaster strikes, Citizen Information Lines will be staffed.

When necessary, these lines are open 24 hours a day.  
The numbers are: 352-527-2106 and 352-746-5470

FLOOD INSURANCE AND MAPS – It is important to know that your homeowners insurance may not cover damage caused by flooding. The City’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program gives property owners a discount on their flood insurance. Be sure to understand your elevation requirements by obtaining an Elevation Certificate on your building. Elevation Certificates can also be found online at [www.crystalriverfl.org](http://www.crystalriverfl.org) for your convenience. Check to see if one has already been done on your property! Also, you may also contact the City via telephone or email to find out your flood elevation requirements. We are here to assist!

PROPERTY PROTECTION – There are many way in which you can protect your property from floodwaters. Information on retrofitting techniques such as relocation, elevation, flood proofing and selecting a qualified contractor is available through the City’s Building staff. If you are renovating you must contact the City for guidance if your structure is below base flood elevation. Any construction being done without a permit is illegal and should be reported to the City at 352-795-4216 Ext. 306.