

**M**arion County is fortunate to be approximately 110 feet above sea level, making large-scale flooding unlikely. Flash flooding, however, is a real concern for much of the county. Many parts of Marion are in low-lying regions or near bodies of water. In these regions, even a series of severe thunderstorms could send water to your front door.

### *Protecting Your Property*

Knowing how to protect your home from a flood can help reduce the damage a potential flood may cause:

- Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go to.
- Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your home when a flood comes.
- Keep an inventory of all household items. This will help you should you need to file a claim.
- Keep all important documents and papers in a safe place.



Scan with a smartphone  
to visit the Marion  
County Growth Services  
(Zoning) website.

### *Flood Insurance*

If your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, you may already have a flood insurance policy in effect. If not, or if you are outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area, you can still purchase a flood insurance policy, which could help pay for any flood damage to your home.

Marion County is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program, so flood insurance is available to everyone. Contact an insurance agent for more information on insurance rates and types of coverage available to you.

**Please note:** homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage.

### *Financial Assistance*

A variety of financial assistance is available to help homeowners either reduce flood damage potential or repair flood damage. FEMA offers four grant programs for pre- and post-disaster situations:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM).
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC).

Some assistance is only available when a disaster has been declared; other may be available under different circumstances. Other forms of financial aid from state and local sources may also be available.

*For flood zone and financial assistance information in your area, contact Marion County Growth Services (Zoning) at 352-438-2675 or stop by the office at 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala.*