

Types of Alerts

Watch- keep a TV/weather alert radio nearby for alerts and be prepared for a flood

Warning- Take Shelter!
Flooding is happening!



Use Code Red to stay up to date on all hazards. To sign up visit

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/5E3BAFCA9779>

Preparing for the storm

- Create an emergency plan and practice it with every family member
- Know your evacuation level, route and shelters
- Attend the Hurricane Expo in April
- Keep driveway culverts free of obstruction, if clogged, it may cause localized flooding
- Keep downspouts clear and directed away from your home
- Mitigation grants are available for repetitive loss properties visit www.floridadisaster.org
- Get expert advice schedule an appointment with our staff today!



Know your Risk

Venice has 2 main sources of flooding: heavy rains and storm surge

Areas along Hatchett Creek, Curry Creek, Deertown Gully, Flamingo Ditch, E Venice Ave and coastal areas may flood streets and yards with little warning.

High risk areas have a 1:4 chance of flooding during the life of a 30-year mortgage; moderate and low risk areas have a 1:5 chance. There is always a risk!

Find out your flood risk by contacting city hall or on our website. Maps are available at the library. Elevation Certificates can be found at City Hall or online

Flood Safety

- Turn around, Don't Drown!
6in of water can knock over a person, 2ft can move most vehicles
- Watch out for animals and insects
- Don't use open flame until the area is properly ventilated, check for leaks
- Don't enter a flooded building until it is cleared by an inspector
- Avoid downed powerlines and don't use appliances that have been flooded
- Have your electricity turned off if you have been flooded visit FPL.com



Build Responsibly

Elevating your home and utilities greatly decreases your risk of flood damage

- Keep flood vents open and unobstructed to prevent structural damage
- A non-conversion agreement is required for areas below the required minimum finished floor elevation

Check with the Building Division for a permit before starting construction or altering grades. Report unpermitted construction activities

Building Division [\(941\)-486-2448](tel:941-486-2448)

Protect Natural Floodplains

Open spaces protect against flooding by allowing a place for stormwater to collect and go into the ground. Enjoy our parks!



Pick up your dog's poop for cleaner waters

Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides they can pollute our waters. Dispose of them and other hazardous materials at the Sarasota County Chemical Collection Center 250 S Jackson Rd, Wed-Sat 8am-4pm

Keep our inlets ditches and streams clean. If you see someone dumping hazardous materials or a broken silt fence call **Public Works** [\(941\) 486-2422](tel:941-486-2422)

Flood Insurance

Homeowners Insurance **does not cover damage from floods**; Buy flood insurance to protect your home.

If your house is flooded, and you don't have flood insurance, damage below the waterline will not be covered.

Flood Insurance will cover all surface floods even if the president does not declare a disaster.

The City of Venice has **earned a discount** on flood insurance via the CRS program. Because our community is rated as a 6, our residents enjoy a **20% discount in high risk areas**

Those in moderate or low risk are eligible for a preferred risk rate

Contents insurance is available for renters and condo owners

There is a **30 day waiting period** so don't wait call you insurance agent or visit www.floodsmart.gov today!



Are you and your family protected?

Substantial Improvement/ Substantial Damage

Also known as the 50% rule!

If your home is damaged by any means (including



50% or greater than the value of the home (not including the land value) Your house will need to conform to the same flood protection measures as a new home.

The same rule applies if you are remodeling the house and the cost equals or exceeds 50% of market value.

This may require elevation or flood vents. **Check with the Building Division** when remodeling or repairing your home

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Visit www.venicegov.com for more information



Flood Protection Information for City of Venice Residents from Mayor John Holic

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If you or someone else are in life threatening danger **call 911**

