**Protect your Pass Christian home from flooding**

Flooding is a significant risk in Pass Christian, affecting a high percentage of properties. Taking steps to mitigate flood damage can protect your home and potentially lower flood insurance costs.

**Know your risk**

Check the flood zone for your property: Use the FEMA Flood Map Service Center to determine your specific flood zone designation.

Understand flood hazards: Pass Christian has a severe flood risk, with a significant number of properties vulnerable to flooding, especially in the FEMA designated AE and V / VE flood zones.

**Protect your property**

Elevation: Consider elevating your home, especially if it's in a designated floodplain.

Floodproofing: Use methods such as applying waterproof coatings to walls ("dry" floodproofing) or installing flood vents ("wet" floodproofing) to reduce flood damage.

Move valuables: Store important documents and irreplaceable items in a safe, dry location, preferably in a waterproof container.

Secure outdoor items: Bring in or anchor anything that could be swept away by floodwaters.

Review your home’s drainage: Ensure gutters are clear and direct water away from the foundation.

**Secure flood insurance**

Standard homeowners’ insurance typically does not cover flood damage.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers flood insurance policies for homeowners and renters.

Find an NFIP provider through the FloodSmart.gov website.

**Develop an emergency plan**

Create a family communication plan: Establish how you will contact each other before, during, and after a flood.

Build an emergency kit: Include essential items like food, water, medications, flashlights, and a battery-powered radio.

Identify evacuation routes: Know your designated evacuation zone and the safest routes to higher ground.

**Local resources**

**Pass Christian Emergency Management:**

 Contact Fire Chief Dia’mond Woodman @228 452 3323 for local resources and guidance.

Contact Building Code Director Billy Dauphin @228 452 3316 for information on flood mitigation requirements and building regulations.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center: Access and view flood maps for free.

**Important reminder**

Check with your insurance agent to understand your specific flood insurance coverage.

Adhere to all local building codes and regulations when implementing flood protection measures.

**Flood information websites**

Many organizations provide valuable information on flooding and flood mitigation through their websites. Here are some key resources:

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):**

FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC): This is the official public source for flood hazard information, including official flood maps and flood hazard risk data. You can search by address to find out if your property is in a higher risk area for flooding. You can also find information on flood insurance and what's covered on their Flood Insurance page.

**Ready.gov Floods:** This page on the Ready.gov website provides comprehensive information on what to do before, during, and after a flood to keep your family safe.

**National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):** Learn about flood insurance options and find a provider in your area on the FloodSmart.gov website. You can also use their online NFIP Quote Tool to get a free personalized quote for flood insurance coverage.

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):**

National Water Prediction Service (NWPS): This site provides current and forecast hydrologic conditions across the nation, replacing the legacy Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) page. You can access flood hazard outlooks and discussions here.

