



THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

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Dear Resident,

The Borough of Roselle Park is becoming part of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS). By being part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) the residents of Roselle Park will be better informed and prepared for any flood occurrence in the future.

The residents in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) should be informed and educated in ways to protect themselves and their property in their time of need.

Flood insurance is a federally underwritten program that can help you repair or replace your structure and belongings after a flood. The federal government requires most mortgage holders in high-risk areas (known as Special Flood Hazard Areas) to carry flood insurance.

Here are some ways you as resident can take action with the help of Roselle Park.

1. Know your hazard – Roselle Park's CRS representative can explain your hazards and give you information which can better educate you on what steps you can take to better protect your home.
2. Insure your property if it is in the SFHA – Homeowners as well as renters should have flood insurance to protect their property as well as its contents.
3. Protect people from the hazard – Designate a place where your family can rendezvous after an evacuation order is issued.
4. Protect your property from the hazard – Replace your furnace with one elevated above the flood level. Keep debris out of streams and ditches so that water can flow freely.
5. Build responsibly – Get permits from your building department. Hire licensed contractors so that the job will be done correctly.
6. Protect natural floodplain functions – Do not dump any pollutants down the storm drains, they drain to the rivers and streams which lead to the oceans. Report any people dumping debris into any streams and rivers to the proper authorities.
7. General preparedness - Inventory and photograph your home's contents and put important papers and insurance policies in a safe place.
8. Basement flooding – Check your downspouts and make sure they drain away from the house.
9. Flood Education – Teach your children about flooding.

Mark Pasquali, Roselle Park DPW Superintendent, is the FEMA CRS representative for Roselle Park. Mr. Pasquali can be reached at 908-245-7676 between 7am and 3pm Monday thru Friday. My suggestion to you is to call and make an appointment and go to the DPW office located at 180 West Webster Ave. in Roselle Park, and have Mr. Pasquali answer your questions and show you where your property is located on the flood maps. Mr. Pasquali will also supply you with literature pertaining to your property as well as many aspects of flooding so you will be able to better protect your family and property.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve the residents of Roselle Park.

Sincerely,

Mayor

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