

Flood Warning & Evacuation Data

The National Weather Service in conjunction with the Harrison County Civil Defense and the **D'iberville** Fire Department provide FLOOD WARNING and EVACUATION DATA to residents of **D'iberville** through local (WLOX), regional and national (The Weather Channel) television stations as well as online at www.diberville.ms.us along with the local radio stations, and newspapers (The Sun Herald and The Bay Press). **D'iberville** Police and Fire Departments will provide door-to-door warnings to those areas threatened by flooding when necessary. Evacuation routes are mapped which are north of the coast that include I-10, I110, Highways 15, 49, 57, 67, and 605.

Please plan to evacuate early.

Emergency shelters designated to house residents displaced in the event of a hurricane are announced by the Harrison County Civil Defense and the **D'iberville** Fire Department. To obtain additional information about emergency procedures please contact the Harrison County Civil Defense, 228.865.4002; **D'iberville** Fire Department, 228.392.3525; **D'iberville** Police Department, 228.396.4252; and the **D'iberville** Building Division, 228.392.7966

The **MDOT's Hurricane Evacuation Guide** is available on our website within the **Flood & Hurricane Resources** tab.

Got Flood Insurance?

Because the **City of D'iberville** enacts and enforces *beyond* minimum FPM regulations of the NFIP, for those of you within a SFHA, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy with a *significant amount* of discount that will cover your home and your contents.

- STANDARD property insurance or HOMEOWNER'S insurance policies DO NOT cover flood damage or losses.
- REMEMBER, policies have a 30-day waiting period BEFORE coverage goes into effect.
- We greatly encourage you to purchase flood insurance.

The 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-yr mortgage tells you that flood insurance is IMPORTANT!

PLEASE NOTE: whether your home is within a SFHA or not, flood damage will ONLY be covered by flood insurance. For more information on determining your flood hazard, finding an agent, or estimating your own premiums visit www.fema.gov/nfip or www.floodsmart.gov or phone **1.800.427.4661** or **1.866.925.8789**

Natural and Beneficial Functions

The **City of D'iberville** is a beautiful and historic place in which to live. Let's protect our **WETLANDS!** Our wetlands in and around **D'iberville** are a valuable asset.

- **Wetlands** provide important functions such as filtering pollutants and trapping toxins in flood waters. During tropical storms or hurricanes our wetlands serve as a barrier by reducing the **storm surge** height. Our wetlands are VITAL for nursing crabs, oysters, shrimp, speckled trout, red fish, and other various species; so critical to our local economy. **Wetlands** also provide excellent educational opportunities for observing nature and scientific research. Many species of wildlife including migratory birds inhabit both coastal and inland wetlands. Approximately 35% of all rare and endangered plant species are partially or entirely dependent upon wetland habitats for survival. **Wetlands** DO play a valuable role in our future.
- **Wetlands** encompass throughout our community; all along the Tchoutacabouffa River, areas within Longwood Subdivision, & areas within the SFHA. Please join us in our efforts to protect our **WETLANDS!** So that we may assist in determining your area, please contact the **Building Division** or visit our **Wetlands** tab on our **Geoportal Maps** link within our website.

Proper Permits?

To ensure the highest degree of safety for our citizens, the **Building Division** enacts and enforces the 2006 International Code Conference's Suite of Building Codes. They provide construction methods for weather and wind resistance to speeds of up to 130mph. In addition, to ensure that structures will be protected from flood damage, the **Building Division** regulates ALL development within SFHAs; ensuring the greatest level of protection for you and your property.

- Please be aware, development within SFHAs require careful planning and compliance with our **Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**; available on our website: www.diberville.ms.us/building-division
- Please be advised, a permit is required for ALL development. Filling and similar projects require a permit and are prohibited in certain areas. **NOTE:** Plans and specifications along with an Elevation Certificate (prepared by a MS licensed Engineer or Surveyor) must be submitted at the time of application. ANY development without a permit is NON-compliant and may result in daily fines and /or removal of the NON-compliant structure.
- Be sure that contractors have a **City of D'iberville** license. Be aware, we cannot intervene in contractual disputes or legal agreements between parties. If you know of ANY development taking place WITHOUT the required permits or would like to verify a contractor's license, please contact the **Building Division**.

Proper Permits are important! Within SFHAs, NEW construction must be elevated 1ft above the BFE and existing structures substantially damaged by flood or substantially improved (Equal or Exceed 50% of the market value) MUST be elevated 1ft above the BFE before they are repaired.

Drainage

D'iberville maintains a storm drainage system. In order for the drainage system to operate efficiently the ditches, streams, and channels must be kept clean as possible. Debris, even leaves and grass clippings, obstruct the flow of water and cause overflow onto the streets and yards.

It is illegal to take any action that will impede the flow of water in ditches and waterways.

Before making any changes to the existing drainage of your property please discuss your plans with the **Public Works Department**. If you know of any action affecting the drainage system that is being done WITHOUT a required permit, any illegal dumping of debris into any ditch, or of a nuisance situation, please contact the **Public Works Department** at 228.392.9734 or the **Building Division** at 228.392.9278

Building Division/Public Works Department

A consultation is required with the **City's Building Official/Floodplain Administrator, David A 'Hank' Rogers, CBO/CFM** or with the **City's Public Works Director, Al Gombos** BEFORE planning or contemplating any type of applicable development.

If you have any questions, please visit **10383 Automall Parkway D'iberville, MS 39540** (this brochure is available on our website)