

OUTREACH PROJECT FOR REPETITIVE LOSS

Dear Resident:

You have received this mailing because the entire City of Ventnor has been designated as a repetitive loss area and is prone to flooding.

- 1) Check with the Building Department on the extent of past flooding and future protection.**
- 2) Prepare for flooding:**
 - a. *shut off electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes.
 - b. *make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go. Have a plan to evacuate your pets.
- 3) Consider some permanent flood protection measures:**
 - a. *consider elevating your house above flood levels.
 - b. *more information can be found at FEMA's website, www.ready.gov/floods.
- 4) Talk to the Building Department for information on financial assistance:**
 - a. *Get a flood insurance policy, it will help pay for repairs after a flood and in some cases, it will help pay the costs of
 - a. Elevating a substantially damaged building.
- 5) Get a flood insurance policy:**
 - a. *Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage. *Contact your insurance agent for more information

10 PRIORITY TOPICS

- 1) Know your hazard:**
 - a. *Your property is subject to flooding and is in a repetitive flooded area.
- 2) Insure your property for your flood hazard:**
 - a. *Obtain flood insurance. *Renters should buy flood insurance for their contents.
- 3) Protect people from the hazard:**
 - a. *Turn around, don't drown.
 - b. *Designate a safe place after an evacuation order is issued.
- 4) Protect your property from the hazard:**
 - a. *We can give you information on home elevation, call (609)823-7987, Ventnor City Building Department.
 - b. *Replace your flooded mechanical items with elevated ones.
- 5) Build responsibly:**
 - a. *Get a permit from Ventnor Building Department.
 - b. *Know the Substantial Damage rules and ICC benefits, visit Ventnor City Building Department, 6201 Atlantic Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey.
- 6) Protect natural floodplain function:**
 - a. *Do not dump in storm drains/report broken silt fences.
- 7) Hurricane preparedness:**

- a. *Know your evacuation route, visit www.ventnorcity.org.
- 8) General preparedness:**
 - a. *Inventory and photograph your home and keep insurance papers and insurance policies in a safe place.
- 9) Basement flooding:**
 - a. *Check downspouts and drain away from house.
- 10) Flood Education:**
 - a. *Educate school children about flooding.

ADDITIONAL FLOOD INFORMATION

- 1)** Elevation Certificates are available for viewing in Ventnor City Hall, Building Department, 6201 Atlantic Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey.
- 2)** Ventnor City provides a service to its residents pertaining to map information or building protection. Contact Dino Cavalieri, Ventnor City Floodplain Manager at (609)823-7987 for a meeting or a site visit.
- 3)** Contact Ventnor Building Department on Historic Flooding/Flood Depth Elevation for your area.
- 4)** Visit Ventnor City websites for flood information and emergency evacuation information, www.ventnorcity.org, Ventnor OEM or Facebook, also check Ventnor City Flood Ordinance, **VC 126**.