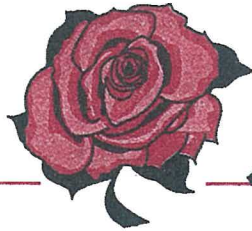


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Village of Melrose Park FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

The Village of Melrose presents this information as part of an on-going federal program to reduce flood insurance premiums. The National Flood Insurance Program offers the opportunity for policy holders to receive coverage at a reduced premium if the community complies with Federal criteria to lessen the impact of a flood event and educate the public on flooding dangers.

You can help to reduce flooding, here's how:

Stream Maintenance: Do not dump or throw anything into ditches or creeks. Dumping in our ditches and creeks is a violation of the Village of Melrose Park's ordinance. Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or creek, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Village has a creek maintenance program. Contact the Building Department at (708) 343-4000 to report downed trees and other major blockages.

Construction Requirements: Always check with the Building Department before you alter, re-grade, or fill your property. A permit is needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems on other properties.

Flood-proofing: There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage, Retrofitting (altering your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages) measures include:

Elevation – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.

Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.

Floodwalls – They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.

Dry Flood-proofing – Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.

Wet Flood-proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.