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# FLOOD MITIGATION

## *Steps for Florida Panhandle Homeowners*



### Check your Flood Zone

Do you know 30% of  
floods occur in lower risk  
zone X?

Raise HVAC, water  
heaters, appliances, and  
electrical panels above  
the Base Flood Elevation.

### Elevate Appliances



### Install Flood Vents in Walls

Add vents to allow  
floodwater to flow through,  
reducing structural damage.

Remove debris to prevent  
water backups during  
heavy Panhandle rains.

### Clear Gutters and Drains



### Seal Exterior Walls

Apply waterproof sealants  
to walls and floors to  
block minor flooding.

Stack sandbags around  
doors to block shallow  
floodwater during storms.

### Use Sandbags



### Elevate Valuables

Keep important  
documents and valuables  
on upper floors or shelves.

Grade your yard to slope  
away from your home,  
directing water flow.

### Landscape to Divert Water



### Get Flood Insurance Early

Purchase NFIP or private  
flood insurance before  
hurricane season.

Participate in local  
flood mitigation  
programs for  
premium discounts.

### Join Your Local CRS Program

