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JAMAICA BAY COMMUNITY FLOOD WATCH PROJECT

Using community knowledge to address flooding
in coastal communities

The Jamaica Bay Community Flood Watch Project helps empower residents to report flooding events in their neighborhoods. By training citizens to document flooding, linking local observations and community knowledge to scientists and city leaders working on flooding issues, will allow their voices and concerns to be heard.

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**When submitting your
photo, remember to
include:**

- Date of the photo
- Time of the photo
- Who took the photo
- Location of the photo
(cross streets, address, closest landmarks, etc.)
- Approx. depth of flooding (inches)
- Approx. duration of flooding
- What is affected by the flooding?
- What are additional causes of flooding?
- Keywords describing weather conditions

***Remember to take a photo at
the same place every time!**

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Tips on taking your photo

- Include a vertically, stable object, like a sign post or a fire hydrant
- Or try using a ruler; bring a friend to hold it
- Take a photo at the same established place every time, include before/ after photos

Tips on Taking a Flooding Photo



Bring a friend! They can hold a ruler in your shot!



This photo does a good job of including a staircase as a water level reference.



Try taking before and after photos to compare water levels at different times.

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(sidewalks, staircases, traffic, power boxes, etc.)
- What are additional causes of flooding?
(wind, rain, sewer drain blockage, etc.)
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