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Media Advisory

The City of Punta Gorda Urges Seasonal Residents to Check on Homes Following Recent Flooding

Punta Gorda, FL — In light of the recent heavy rains and flooding in our area, the City of Punta Gorda urges all seasonal residents to return to their properties and conduct thorough checks for potential damage. If your home was flooded it may not be safe to live in your home even if water is not currently present.

It is crucial to assess your home's condition to ensure your investment's safety and security. Flooding can lead to significant harm, including structural damage, mold growth, and compromised utilities. Taking prompt action can help prevent further issues and ensure your property is safe for future visits.

Key Steps to Follow:

Assess for Damage: Check for visible signs of flooding, including water stains, warped flooring, and wall damage. Pay special attention to the lowest levels.

Inspect Utilities: Ensure that gas, water, and electrical systems are intact. If you notice any issues, do not attempt repairs yourself—contact a licensed professional.

Document Everything: Take photos of any damage for insurance claims. Keep detailed records of your assessments and any repairs needed.

Check for Mold: Mold can develop quickly in damp conditions. Seek professional remediation if you notice signs, such as a musty odor or visible growth.

Secure Your Property: Ensure that all doors and windows are properly secured.

Stay Informed: Follow local updates regarding cleanup efforts and resources available for residents impacted by the flooding.

For complete information about cleaning up after a flood, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/natural-disasters/safety/index.html>.

If you have questions or need further information, please call (941) 575-3302.

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