



Coastal Flooding Thresholds

National Weather Service

	Minor	Moderate	Major
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Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Shallow flooding in the most vulnerable locations near the waterfront and shoreline resulting in a low threat of property damage. □ 1 to 2 feet of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Widespread flooding of vulnerable areas will result in an elevated threat of property damage. □ 2 to 3 feet of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Severe flooding will cause extensive inundation and flooding of numerous roads and buildings resulting in a significant threat to property and life. □ 3 to 5 feet of inundation.
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ A few shoreline and vulnerable roadways and adjacent vulnerable properties will experience shallow flooding. □ Minor beach erosion with possible erosion to the front of vulnerable dune structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Widespread inundation of roads and low lying property near the waterfront. □ Flooding will extend inland from the waterfront along tidal rivers and bays resulting in some road closures and threaten some property. □ Severe beach erosion and considerable erosion of dunes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Numerous roads will be impassable under several feet of water and cars submerged. □ Evacuations will be necessary for the most vulnerable shoreline and coastal areas. □ Flood waters will extend well inland. □ Substantial coastal damage and severe erosion of dunes.