**Drainage and stormwater**

Lee County is interlaced with a system of canals, ditches, and waterways that serve to direct the flow of stormwater. It is most important that these elements of the floodwater drainage system be kept clear of debris and trash that could impede the flow of water during a flood situation.

To report drainage problems in incorporated areas call your city’s Public Works. In unincorporated Lee County, Call Lee County DOT at 239-533-9400 or email rfa@leegov.com. After 5:30 pm and on weekends call 239-533-3626.

Dumping of debris and trash in the drainage system or alteration of the channels is prohibited. Violators should be reported to law enforcement or public works officials.

Lee County can also help you reduce your property’s flood hazard by putting you in contact with qualified contractor to make your house or building safer. Call the Lee County Department of Public Safety at 239-533-3911, Ext. 4, for help in identifying and examining different ways to retrofit an existing building and advice on selecting sites and building new structures.

**La Niña/El Niño**

The La Niña/ El Niño cycles have a significant impact on Southwest Florida’s weather. See more at <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/ninonina.html>