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The recent flooding in South Florida has left many residents dealing with the aftermath of water damage to their homes, businesses, and vehicles. While it's easy to overlook the impact on cars amidst the other damage, the truth is that many cars have been submerged and are now at risk of significant depreciation in value.

Cars that have been flooded can suffer from a range of issues, including electrical

problems, corrosion, and mold growth. Even if the car appears to be in working order after being dried out, these problems can linger and cause long-term issues down the line. In addition to the safety concerns, this damage can significantly reduce the value of the vehicle.

If you're one of the many South Florida residents dealing with a flood-damaged car, it's important to take action sooner rather than later. The longer you wait, the greater the chance that the damage will worsen and the more difficult it will be to recover the car's value.

That's where an independent auto appraiser can come in handy. A certified appraiser can provide a



detailed report of the damage and an accurate appraisal of your car's worth, taking into account any necessary repairs. With their extensive experience in appraising flood-damaged cars, you can trust them to give you an honest and fair assessment.

This assessment can be used to negotiate with your insurance company or even to prepare for a potential sale. By having a clear understanding of your car's value post-flood, you can make informed decisions about how to move forward.

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Was Your Car Damaged by the Recent Flooding in South Florida?

Are you being offered a fair value for your totaled vehicle by the insurance company?

When an insurance company declares a vehicle a total loss, it means the cost of repairs exceeds the car's actual cash value. If you believe that your insurance company undervalued your vehicle, you have the right to hire an independent agency like Appraisal Engine Inc. for an independent investigation.

Appraisal Engine Inc. performs a Total Loss Claim Review, which is a complete analysis of your claim, an examination of your vehicle's value, and an assessment of the fairness of your insurance company's total loss offer. They provide an alternative report that you can submit to your insurance carrier as evidence to support a higher-value claim.

By law, insurance carriers must handle claims in good faith and consider written evidence submitted in a claim. An appraisal report from Appraisal Engine is the evidence you need in a total loss claim dispute. Their report includes a detailed vehicle description, comparable vehicle listings, value adjustments, and appraisal attestation and signature.

In the aftermath of the devastating flooding in South Florida, many car owners are struggling to receive a fair settlement from their insurance companies. Appraisal Engine has set up a hotline to help people navigate the often confusing process of collecting a fair settlement on their flooded vehicles. Please call **(877) 667-2326** or visit **Total Loss Appraisals** online to order a free claim review. If you prefer, you can also fill out the questionnaire below. We can always help you settle for more!