Hurricane Plan

Hurricane Season is here; SBHA wants you to be prepared and knowing what to expect is one of the smartest things you can do.

Before a Hurricane

- Create a Family meeting, have a plan. Ensure everyone understands the steps and a strategy to reconnect in case you separate.
- Decide if your home is a safe place to stay or if you will need to evacuate.
- Locate the safes places in your home or community
- Remove items from your patio and front porch that you might think cause any damages, keep outdoor surroundings safe
- Check weather forecasts regularly, take advice from local authorities.
- Stock non-perishable foods, water bottles, a first-aid kit, flashlights (Do not use candles), extra batteries, battery-powered radio and prescription medications
- Make sure you have your cellphone fully charged!
- If it is necessary to evacuate, unplug all appliances, turn off water and gas to prevent damages.
- Ensure your vehicle has a full tank and it is in good conditions
- Do not park vehicles under trees
- Keep important documents in a safe container, in case of a flood
- If you have a pet, create an emergency kit (medications, clean-up items, food)

After a Hurricane

- If power was lost, do not start all major appliance at once to prevent damages to sensitive equipment
- If you encounter damaged or loose power lines, report them right away to the local Fire Department
- Do not use electrical or gas appliances that have been wet

If you need food assistance, shelter, elder care, medical help, disaster service dial 2-1-1 this is a free number to call when you need information and or a referral about community organizations and resources.

Stay Safe!