**STORM PREP TIPS**

**Prepare for High Winds:**

* If necessary, protect all windows with shutters or 5/8 inch plywood panels.
* Reinforce garage doors.
* Designate an interior room with no windows or external doors as a “safe room.”
* Assess your landscaping and trees to ensure they do not become a wind hazard.
* Prepare for Flooding
* When you hear hurricane, think inland flooding.
* Determine the elevation of your property to learn your vulnerability to flooding.
* In flood-prone areas, keep on hand materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, plastic garbage bags, lumber, shovels, work boots and gloves.
* Be aware of areas known to flood so your evacuation routes are not cut off.

**As the Storm Approaches:**

* Most mobile/manufactured homes are not built to withstand hurricane-force winds. Residents of these homes should relocate to a safer structure when an evacuation order is issued.
* Secure lawn furniture and other outside objects that could become projectiles in high winds.
* Listen carefully for safety instructions from local officials. Monitor NOAA weather radio.
* During the Storm
* Stay inside and away from windows, skylights and doors.
* Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm updates.
* Have flashlights/batteries handy and avoid open flames and candles.
* If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce damage when power is restored.

**After the Storm**

* Stay away from downed or dangling power lines.
* Beware of weakened tree limbs.
* Open windows and doors to ventilate your house.
* Use your phone only in emergencies.
* Do not drive into water of unknown depth.
* Restrict children from playing in flooded areas.
* Do not use fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters.
* Wells should be pumped out and the water tested before drinking. ​