

## HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDE

### BEFORE A STORM

- Prepare a survival kit (first aid supplies, water containers, non-perishable food, portable lighting, medications, insurance documents, etc.)
- Inventory valuable possessions ( include photographs of possessions )
- Develop an evacuation plan (route, places to stay, shelter locations, etc.)
- Have cash on hand to sustain family 3 to 5 days
- Secure all outside movable items (furniture, plants, grills, hoses, etc.)
- Protect windows and glass doors
- Prepare pet kit (license, leash, carrier, food, applicable shelter/s locations, etc.)
- Properly secure your boat (or ask someone to secure it for you)
- Fill automobile/s with gas

### DURING A STORM

- Stay in “safe area” within home such as an interior room or closet
- Place survival kit in “safe area”
- Listen to weather radio or appropriate channel/station for status of storm and all-clear signal
- Turn off utilities if you evacuate

### AFTER A STORM

- Assess damage
- Avoid driving except for an emergency
- Listen to a local media station or a weather radio for emergency information
- Avoid downed or dangling utility lines
- Avoid using candles (potential fire hazard)
- Take photos of all damages before making repairs (for insurance purposes)
- Hire only licensed contractors

Note – For additional information, including important phone numbers, storm information sources, and emergency details, refer to the Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club “Disaster Preparedness & Response Plan” which was distributed to all residents in May, 2005. Copies are available from the Southbay office.