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North Sydney SES says “Prepare for Storm Season”

North Sydney State Emergency Services (SES) is getting ready for the storm season (which runs from October to April) and is advising local residents that now is the time to get their homes in order and make sure they know what to do when a storm hits.

Severe storms can cause major damage and can be accompanied by heavy rain, large hailstones, lightening, strong winds and even flash flooding. The SES work with the local community during storm activity and there are some simple things that can be done before, during and after a storm to minimise damage to both people and property.

“As we start to enjoy the warm spring weather, it’s hard to believe that damaging storms could be just around the corner,” said Tim Kitching, Controller North Sydney SES. “But the weather this week has shown that now’s the time we should all be preparing our homes for any bad weather and ensuring we know just what to do when a storm hits.”

“At North Sydney SES, we’re making sure we’ve got everything in order for the high level of activity we can expect between now and April and we want to make sure local harbourside residents are equally prepared.”

In the lead up to the storm season it’s important homeowners clean out their drains and gutters. When a storm is on its way they should make sure they remove any toys and loose objects from gardens and balconies. Then when the storm hits, it’s important to stay indoors, away from windows and listen out for weather reports. If outdoors, get shelter, keep clear of storm drains and away from trees. If driving, pull over and again stay clear of trees.

“It’s important we all take the appropriate precautions to stay safe during a storm,” said Tim. “During a storm our volunteers will be out managing storm debris and providing safe access to homes and businesses, as well as giving storm-safety advice.”

For information on staying safe in storms and floods, ring the SES on 1 800 201 000 or visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au. If you require assistance during a flood or storm contact the SES on 132 500.

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