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Dear Resident,

The safety of you and your family is our ultimate priority. We are aware that your community may be experiencing flooding. Please be aware that Broward County has announced a flash flood warning and there will be uncontrollable flooding. As a result of the quantity of rain brought on by Tropical Storm Eta, the lakes and ground have saturated beyond their usual capacity.

Drainage in our area is handled by two methods: The First, is Gravity fed drains that lead stormwater runoff to the lakes, and the Second, Water draining through the ground into the natural Aquifer. When we experience rain to the extent we recently did, the lake's capacity can be exceeded, resulting in water flowing back to the property. This excessive quantity of rain also affects what is known as the water table. When the ground is over saturated, it cannot accept any more water until the water table is lowered.

What happens next? The South Broward Drainage District prepares in advance for these situations and has remote access to many of the lift stations in the area to help lower lake levels. Drainage of these lakes takes place automatically by the Drainage District; however, it is important to understand that they work closely with other drainage districts to accomplish this. Drainage in this area goes towards canals in the East which leads to the ocean. This process requires drainage of the lower levels to accommodate the water from the West. Rest assured that this process is taking place, and only requires your continued patience while this is coordinated. Please see the attached checklist and waterflow diagrams.

Stay safe and Be well,

Sincerely,

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Rainy Season CHECKLIST

- ✓ Recognize that flood control is a shared responsibility.
- ✓ Know the agency responsible for managing nearby canals.
- ✓ Understand YOUR neighborhood drainage limitations. Every neighborhood drains differently.
- ✓ If you are part of a homeowners association, identify the HOA representative authorized to operate any water control structures.
- ✓ Check for any structure, storm drain or canal blockages – remove debris and/or report any issues.
- ✓ Be aware that extreme rain can overwhelm drainage systems and result in temporary flooding.

What to expect when it RAINS



Where the water FLOWS after it leaves your neighborhood

The South Florida Water Management District operates the regional water management system of canals, levees, water control structures and storage areas. The system connects to local drainage districts and thousands of neighborhood systems. These interconnected systems must work together to achieve maximum drainage of excess rainwater.



Heavy rainfall in a short period of time may result in flooding, even with well-engineered and maintained systems.

Learn more at sfwmd.gov/rainyseason

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