

# Is Your Property Hurricane-Ready?





### You Can't Control the Weather. But You Can Be Prepared.

Be ready for whatever hurricane season throws your way with the help of your local BrightView team.

From structural pruning to developing a post-storm clean-up plan tailored to your property, we take proactive steps to dramatically reduce the risk of damage on your property.

In the event of the worst, we restore safety to your property faster, thanks to our ability to scale up our teams with resources from our other branches.

### **BEFORE** THE STORM

### Use this checklist to be sure you're ready:

#### **HOME PREPARATION**

- Assemble (or restock) your disaster kit and emergency supplies.
- □ Secure windows and doors with county-approved storm shutters, or 5/8-inch plywood.
- □ Protect electronics with surge protectors and approved waterproof coverings.
- □ Bring in lawn furniture or other outdoor items that could become airborne.
- □ Keep cash on hand, in case of an extended power outage.

#### **TREE PRUNING**

- □ Consult a certified arborist to ensure your trees are fit to weather a storm.
- □ Prune trees and shrubs to reduce potential debris.

#### WATER

- □ Set aside potable water. Plan for one gallon per person, per day.
- □ Freeze potable water (fill container 2/3 full) for ice after a storm.

#### GASOLINE

Get fuel for your car, generator, or other gas-powered tools. Store in an approved container, five gallons or less, away from appliances or children.



### **DURING** THE STORM



- □ Monitor weather updates and instructions from public safety officials.
- Stay indoors, preferably in a room with no windows.
- □ Keep your emergency kit and disaster supplies near you.
- □ In the event of power loss, turn off all major appliances.
- □ In the event of flooding, turn off electricity at the main breaker.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps.
- $\Box$  Avoid using the phone.
- Do not shower or bathe during the storm.
- Do not go outside. Remember, the eye of a storm is brief.
- □ Keep children informed and watch for signs of stress.
- □ Keep animals in their carriers or crate indoors.
- □ If your home comes apart, get in the tub or under a mattress.



## **AFTER** THE STORM



- □ Stay inside until authorities say it is safe to go outside.
- □ Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light.
- □ Inspect your home for damage. Check for gas leaks.
- □ Contact your insurance agent. Take pictures of damage.
- □ Keep record of repair and cleaning costs.
- Don't operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors.
- Place debris on the right-of-way, away from fences, mailboxes, drains, power-lines and low-hanging wires. Don't place in vacant lots, commercial properties, nurseries, or farmland.
- □ If you live near businesses, keep residential and commercial debris separate.



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



When a catastrophe occurs, we have the capabilities and manpower to respond immediately. Here's how we help restore safety and normalcy to your property:

- Vehicle access is cleared, allowing emergency personnel access
- Debris from structural dwellings that poses an immediate risk is cleared
- Plant material that may have a chance of surviving is replanted
- Hazardous damaged tree limbs are trimmed and removed
- Tree limbs, root balls, or large wood debris on the ground is chipped and removed
- Final restoration of any remaining damages or losses from the storm is performed



