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Is Your Property Hurricane Ready?

June through October is hurricane season and as we are all aware, hurricanes and/or their effects will touch our area at some point.

Having your property ready to endure these storms through an emergency preparedness plan can lessen the cost and time of clean up.

What should an emergency preparedness plan consist of? The plan will include tasks you need to do prior to hurricane season as well as items that need to be completed in the event a hurricane is projected to hit your area. Every property is different, but most plans will include the following tasks:

- Inspect all trees for stability and have unstable trees examined by a professional.
- Inspect trees, shrubs and/or bamboo for any limbs near or touching structures. Prune and/or remove necessary limbs.
- Plan for any ground debris located on your property to be hauled off, especially if the debris is in the path of the storm drain. Added ground debris can be a flying hazard during a storm.
- Plan for an area to house container plants, patio furniture, garden art, trash bins, playground equipment, grilling equipment, signage, etc.

Properties of the Month: JULY

Hampton Plantation
Golden Isles



Marriot Riverfront
Savannah



Dollar Tree Distribution Center
Support Services



Osprey Village
South



Each Property of the Month is selected by the Branch Manager according to the crew's monthly Quality Control report.



- Have a plan in place for turning off the irrigation system and turning it back on.
- Inspect property for low lying areas and contact your landscape professional for help with drainage.
- Inspect storm drains for blockages.
- Check with your insurance provider to see if your landscape is insured for property damage.

- Communicate with your landscape professional regarding their emergency preparedness plan.
- Plan for cleanup after the hurricane.

All properties are not the same so you may have more items in your plan. The best emergency plan you can have for your property is to maintain your landscape on a regular basis. Regular landscape maintenance will lessen your "To Do" tasks on your emergency preparedness list.



Effects of a Summer Storm on Trees

Storms during the spring and summer months in the south can be brutal to endure. A few minutes of wind, rain, and hail can lead to very expensive cleanup and repairs. The efforts a property owner takes before a storm is well worth it when compared to insurance deductibles, major repairs and cleanups. Storm related issues are largely created by trees, wouldn't knowledge about why trees cause so much damage be helpful?

There are certain trees on your property that are more susceptible to wind damage. Ensuring all the trees on your property are healthy is the key to saving yourself a great deal of worry, work and money. Here are a few areas to think about when it comes to the health and well-being of your trees:

- **Trees that are always sitting in saturated soil**, also known as having wet feet, can be easily blown over by any strength of wind or even fall on its own. Make sure the area around your trees has proper drainage.

Team Members of the Month: JULY

Jose Arevalo
Golden Isles



Hector Davalos
Support Services



Miguel Ramirez
Savannah



Raul Ortiz
South



*These team members display our core values (**Responsive, Ownership, Observant, Trusted, Skillful**) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.*

- **A tree with an uneven canopy** is susceptible to stress during a storm. During high winds, the uneven weight of the tree can cause part of the tree to twist and fracture (crown twist). Crown twists become a weak area in the tree and is susceptible to breaking during storms. Exam your trees for any stress fractures and have your trees properly pruned and maintained.
- **Root failure in a tree can lead to it falling during a storm.** Roots die from many reasons; construction, disease, root exposure, root lifting, underground pipes, pavement, foundations, etc. When roots die, the tree will start to die and becomes less stable. When you see any root stress call a tree arborist for help addressing this issue.
- **Tree branches are often broken in a storm.** They best course of action for branches is having your trees maintained and pruned properly. Pruning the tree should limit branches from breaking- limit them not stop them.
- **Anything that can lead to the tree becoming unstable** is an issue that you will want to address, especially when the tree will cause major damage if it fell.



Trees on your property are your responsibility. When there is a storm and a tree causes damage, you have to handle it and most times pay for repairs and/or cleanup. Do not wait until storm damage occurs to start thinking about your trees. Properly maintaining and pruning trees can greatly lessen residual damage during most storms. Of course, we are talking about Mother Nature, so some storm damage is completely out of our control. Control what you can with regards to your trees and when in doubt ask a professional!

The Resurrection Fern

If you live in the Southeast or have ever been to the Southeast, chances are you have seen trees that appear to be “growing” ferns. What you are witnessing is one of the many air plants that inhabit the Southeast known as the Resurrection Fern.

This fern survives by attaching itself to the trunks and/or branches of trees, like live oak trees. The fern receives nutrients from the tree’s surface as well as rain and wind. By attaching itself to a tree it is not harming the tree or taking any nutrients away from the tree. The resurrection fern will attach itself to old live oaks, cypress trees, palm trees and sometimes large rocks, just to name a few.



The resurrection fern acquired its name from the way the plant comes “back to life” after a rainfall. The fern will survive long periods without water by curling up and appearing dead. With a little rainfall and even high humidity, the fern will uncurl, open, and turn a vibrant green, therefore resurrecting itself. You will also notice that the air plant will grow in clusters in the crevices of trees where they are able to collect more water and nutrients.

One very interesting fact about the resurrection fern is the plant can tolerate losing up to 97% of its water (where most plants can only tolerate losing 10%) and live in its dried state for over 100 years.

The next time you are out and about, look at the trees around you and see if you can spot the resurrection fern then notice what state it is in. You’ll be glad you did!

We’re here for *you.*



Helping your property look great is what we do, but **making sure you’re satisfied is what keeps us going.** When we focus on complete customer satisfaction, the rest falls in line.

We’re here for you - to follow up on work we’ve done for you, to answer questions or to discuss further improvements to your outside spaces.

We count on the good name we’ve built with our customers to get new business. If you have a friend, neighbor or co-worker in need of landscape services, we’d appreciate you recommending us. We’d like to work with them to beautify their landscapes, too.

Of course, it’s always a great pleasure to get a call from a customer about a new project. Please call us anytime.

We would love to hear from you.



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