



Landscape Hurricane Preparedness

Here are a few tasks which can lessen landscape damage from a hurricane:

1. Prune any dead limbs and open up trees to allow for better airflow.
2. Install lightning protection on tall high value trees.
3. Remove debris from storm drains to ensure a clear path for storm water.
4. Clean out gutters and downspouts.
5. Remove and store or tie down container plants, hanging baskets, yard art, wind chimes, bird feeders and any other structures capable of being upended or thrown about the yard.
6. Remove coconuts and palm seeds that could release during the storm and cause serious damage.
7. Wrap larger plants, vines and shrubs with strong fabric such as burlap or floating row cover to help them withstand wind.
8. Cover a bed of smaller plants with floating row cover to help them withstand both wind and driving rain.
9. Harvest mature crops from your vegetable garden.
10. Turn automatic sprinkler systems off.
11. Do not empty your pool. Protect your pool pump and equipment.