



Hurricanes & Trees

PRE-STORM ACTIVITIES FOR TREES & STRUCTURES

Analyze the site to identify potential damage that could be inflicted upon vegetation, structures and drainage systems.



- 1.** Check all trees for root system vigor.
- 2.** Stake all recently planted trees.
- 3.** Thin dense canopy trees to reduce wind load.
- 4.** Remove all trees weakened by construction damage, utilities installation or just old weakened trees.
- 5.** Remove all weak-wooded, fast-growing trees. Replace with slowly growing light-canopy, deep-rooted native trees.
- 6.** Remove all limbs overhanging utilities, rooflines and within the "drop diameter" of structures.
- 7.** Follow recommended fertilization practices for trees.
- 8.** Brace arbors and pavilions.
- 9.** Design/remove "wind gap panels" in fences.
- 10.** Inspect all drain lines/channels; remove obstructions.
- 11.** Document site with photography.

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