

Post-Freeze Landscape Care Plan & Next Steps

Good Afternoon,

Following the recent cold weather, many landscape plants, turf, and palms have experienced visible burn and cold-related damage. At this time, the most important action for winter-affected plant material is patience.

Per University of Florida IFAS guidelines, winter-damaged plants should not be pruned immediately. Brown or black foliage often serves as insulation and protection for living tissue beneath. Premature pruning can remove viable plant material, stimulate weak new growth, and increase the risk of disease or further damage.

Our action plan moving forward includes:

- Allowing damaged foliage to remain in place until new growth begins to emerge (typically March–April).
- Closely monitoring plant material for signs of recovery before performing any major pruning.
- Removing only broken, hanging, or hazardous branches that pose a safety concern.
- Maintaining proper irrigation as needed, preferably during morning hours.
- Leaving damaged palm fronds intact to protect the growing bud.

Cold damage often appears more severe than it truly is, and many plants will recover once temperatures stabilize. Our teams will continue to monitor all properties closely and will schedule appropriate pruning and corrective work once conditions are safe and beneficial for the plants.

For any landscape material that does not recover, we will identify affected areas and provide replacement recommendations and proposals for review and approval.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns in the meantime.

Thank you!