



Hurricane Season



Preparation:

- All major landscape cutting (including tree removal, or any other major vegetation removal) should be completed **BEFORE JUNE 1st**.
- A permit is required from the Village of Wellington for the removal of any trees. A contractor is required to haul away all tree debris. Contact Village of Wellington's Building Department at (561) 753-2430 for more information.
- A regular landscape maintenance program during the off season will help tremendously in reducing property damage as well as a large costly cleanup job.
- Inspect your yard before the season begins and discard any unwanted and/or broken items such as scrap lumber, broken or unwanted lawn furniture, old landscape pots, etc.

**DURING THE STORM SEASON (JUNE 1st – NOVEMBER 30th)
THERE SHOULD BE NO MAJOR TREE CUTTING OR
TRIMMING.**

Once a storm has been named...

- This is not the time to do any major trimming/cutting of vegetation.
- If you choose to do any cutting/trimming of vegetation once a warning or watch has been issued **MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTOR YOU HIRE INCLUDES REMOVAL OF THE DEBRIS IN THE FEE YOU PAY FOR THEIR SERVICE.**
- If you cut the trees or other vegetation yourself, plan to make private arrangements for disposal of the debris. Your regular waste hauler will not have the manpower, time or equipment available to collect large piles placed curbside before the storm makes landfall.

Once a storm has passed...

- Restoring normal household garbage and food waste collection is our first priority.
- **NEVER** mix vegetation and construction debris. Keep all waste types in separate piles and away from obstructions such as mailboxes, power lines, water meters, etc.
- **CLEAN VEGETATION ONLY** will be collected on the first pass.
- **NEVER** place hazardous materials such as propane tanks, paint, automotive batteries, oil, etc. at the curb with storm debris. Rake up and containerize all residual debris to be collected on the next pass. Place small loose vegetation in plastic trash bags.
- **NEVER** use recycle bins for roofing debris. Use sturdy cardboard boxes or double plastic bags instead.
- **Have Patience.** Depending on the severity of the storm, it could be 2-3 weeks before storm cleanup crews reach your neighborhood.
- **Do not expect hurricane debris contractors to collect debris from any location other than right-of-ways and curbside.**

Call the Village of Wellington Environmental and Engineering Services office at (561) 791-4003 for more information.