



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Check out our hurricane preparedness checklist to make sure that your property is fully prepared for hurricane season and stays in great shape through it all.

## YOUR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST FOR YOUR PROPERTY

Make sure your property stays safe through hurricane season and beyond.

### Prepping Your Property

Your lawn and landscaping are the most vulnerable in the face of a hurricane. Giving them their best shot at safety means taking a few key maintenance steps.

#### Before Hurricane Season Officially Begins

- Have your trees pruned in the late summer (preferably mid-to-late July or early August).
- Clean out your gutters regularly throughout the summer to avoid hazardous blockages.
- Have a professional inspect any trees that are showing signs of death or decay, including:
  - Gray, flaky bark or roots*
  - Deep scratches and holes in the bark*
  - Mushroom growth around the tree's roots*
  - An absence of bugs, birds, and other critters on or near the tree*
  - Patches where branches are completely bare, especially near the tree's crown*

#### When a Hurricane is Headed Your Way

- Clean out your gutters again in the week leading up to a hurricane that's projected to hit your area.
- Get rid of any loose tree branches and limbs throughout your yard.
- Take all patio furniture, plants, grills, and tools inside
- Place wood slabs over all windows
- Place sandbags behind all doors, including garage doors
- Remove any decorations or ornaments (such as wind chimes, artwork, or vases) from your property's exteriors

### Schedule a Property Maintenance Visit

Whether you're looking to stay prepared with a routine property inspector about a tree or plant on your property, we encourage you to schedule a se Our team of experts will make sure your property is prepared to make it th season as safely as possible.

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