



## City of Miami Managing Trees After A Storm

In the aftermath of a storm, many trees may be damaged and/or are high-risk. Here is some helpful information on how to SAFELY, legally prune and remove high-risk trees.

- **Put safety first.** Take all safety precautions including the use of full personal protective equipment when removing trees. Stay away from loose or dangling power lines and be on the lookout for loose tree branches, parts of buildings or other types of debris when you are outside. If branches are too close or touching utility lines, report immediately to your local utility company. NEVER attempt to move downed utility lines or trees touching utility lines. Call 311 to report trees that are blocking roads.
- **Assess Tree Damage.** Evaluate all damaged trees to determine whether the tree(s) needs to be totally removed or if it can be saved. This may not be something you can do on your own. It is best to have a certified arborist or tree care professional assist you with this. To find an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist in your area, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com) or call 888-472-8733.
- **Repair of Removal of Trees.** Whether you decide to remove or repair the tree(s) yourself or hire a professional it is important to that the process is done safely and legally. A permit should be obtained to remove a tree. However we understand that there are situations that may require the immediate need to remove a hazardous tree that poses a danger to personal property. In these cases, it is important to document the condition of the tree with pictures and/or video to show evidence of damage and hazards. Call 311 to report trees that are blocking roads.
- **Debris Removal.** Any vegetation or debris should be placed at the curb in front of your home for pickup. Visit [www.miamigov.com](http://www.miamigov.com) for information regarding debris pick up and schedules.

Listed below are resources to assist you with clean up after a storm.

### City of Miami Environmental Resources Division

Additional tips for post storm tree management:

<http://www.miamigov.com/planning/treeprotection.html>

[EnvironmentalRes@miamigov.com](mailto:EnvironmentalRes@miamigov.com) or 305-416-1400

### City of Miami Public Works Department

For City-owned damaged or fallen trees: 305-416-1200

### University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)

Guide to Restoring Trees After A Hurricane: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/EP/EP30000.pdf>

Assessing Damage and Restoring Trees After A Hurricane:

[www.miamidade.gov/environment/library/reports/trees-damage-assess.pdf](http://www.miamidade.gov/environment/library/reports/trees-damage-assess.pdf)

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