



**THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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TROPICAL STORM / HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Dear Property and/or Business Owner and Contractors:

As the storm approaches, the Village of North Palm Beach is requesting that each resident, business owner and contractor take the necessary precautions **now** to secure your property. Everyday items, such as construction materials & debris, yard equipment, trash cans, dumpsters, recycling bins, tree limbs and branches, toys, and For Sale signs to name a few, are now seen as potential hazards. Any of these items can become projectiles or could cause other types of damage to neighboring properties.

Once the Village has been placed under a hurricane or tropical storm watch or warning no property owner shall generate yard waste for collection (Sec. 14-31(3)). Such debris can no longer be taken to the Solid Waste Authority and collection of the debris takes away valuable man power needed for other resources during this time.

Commercial tree trimming and/or landscape maintenance services are required to remove all yard waste generated by such tree trimming and/or landscape maintenance activities (Sec. 14-31(4)). This Ordinance pertains to the daily activities of these service providers and not just during tropical storm/hurricane conditions. Again, collection of this additional debris takes away valuable man power needed for other resources during this time.

Temporary signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a hurricane warning (Sec. 6-114). These temporary signs can become missiles and potentially cause damage to property, not to mention are found littering the community after the storm.

The occupant of the property on which a portable storage container or roll-off dumpster is located, in all zoning districts, are required to use every reasonable and best effort to remove, or to arrange for the removal of, the portable storage container or roll-off dumpster from the property upon the approach of a tropical storm or hurricane (Sec. 45-63(7)). These structures are temporary and are not made to withstand tropical storm or greater winds. Failure of the structures can cause the contents to be blown across the community.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety and security of their family and property during these conditions, and the Village appreciates the cooperation of its residents and businesses to keep the community as "the best place to live under the sun."

Do not hesitate to contact the Community Development Department at the above number should you have a question or concern about Hurricane Preparedness.

- **SEC. 14-31(3)** No property owner shall generate yard waste for collection once any portion of the village has been placed under a hurricane or tropical storm watch or warning by the national hurricane center of the national oceanic and atmospheric association (NOAA).
- **SEC.14.31(4)** All providers of commercial tree trimming and/or landscape maintenance services retained to perform services within the village shall be registered with the village's community development department and shall be required to remove all yard waste generated by such tree trimming and/or landscape maintenance activities.
- **SEC. 6-114** Temporary signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a hurricane warning for the village by the national hurricane center of the national oceanic and atmospheric association (NOAA).
- **SEC. 45.36(7)** Use of portable storage containers and roll-off dumpsters in all zoning districts. Upon the issuance of a tropical storm watch and/or a hurricane watch by the National Weather Service, the occupant of the property on which a portable storage container or roll-off dumpster is located shall use every reasonable and best effort to remove, or to arrange for the removal of, the portable storage container or roll-off dumpster from the property.