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June 2023

Hurricane Season is June 1 - November 30, 2023

# STORM PREPAREDNESS

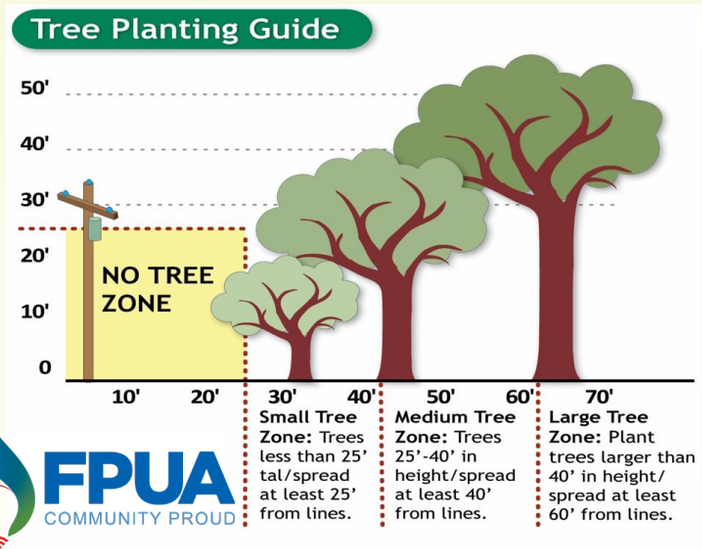
## Tree Trimming and Care

Trees are part of Florida's natural beauty, but trees and other vegetation are also one of the leading causes of electrical outages for utilities in the Southeast. Electrical outages can result from falling trees or invasive shrubs that damage electrical equipment, which often occurs during seasonal storms or hurricanes.

For FPUA, a key component of Storm Preparedness is maintaining trees and vegetation along distribution and transmission rights of way. This critical investment helps reduce outages before, during, and after storms because it reduces the changes of vegetation interfering with electrical lines during high winds and rains.

### Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place

You can do your part by planting trees and shrubs appropriate distances from power lines, transformers and other types of electrical equipment. Because city and county guidelines for planting vary, be sure to check those that apply to your community. To determine the location of FPUA electric and other underground utility service lines in Florida, call toll-free 811.



FPUA maintains a very proactive tree trimming schedule. All work is performed by qualified, certified and licensed professionals. Please read the following important information regarding our tree trimming policy.

FPUA will remove trees that are:

- ⇨ Directly under FPUA electrical equipment
- ⇨ Too close to energized primary lines and pose a safety hazard.
- ⇨ Severely leaning, dead, or decayed vegetation that poses a direct hazard to lines.

Contact FPUA at 772-466-1600 ext. 3900 if you notice trees that are growing into power lines.

Do not trim trees or shrubs after a storm watch or warning is announced. Trash pick-ups will be suspended and your trimmings can become dangerous airborne projectiles propelled by the storm's high winds.

Finally, please give us at least 48 hours notice if you are requesting to disconnect & reconnect service in order to allow a qualified professional to safely trim trees on your property without risk of electrical hazard.

**Learn more at www.fpua.com/tree-trimming/**

# Hurricane Names 2023

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| Arlene | Franklin | Katia | Philippe |
| Bret | Gert | Lee | Rina |
| Cindy | Harold | Margot | Sean |
| Don | Idalia | Nigel | Tammy |
| Emily | Jose | Ophelia | Vince |

# Storm Safety Planning

Florida's hurricane season runs June 1 through November 30, with peak season being mid-August through October. Being prepared is the best way to protect yourself, your property, and those you love:

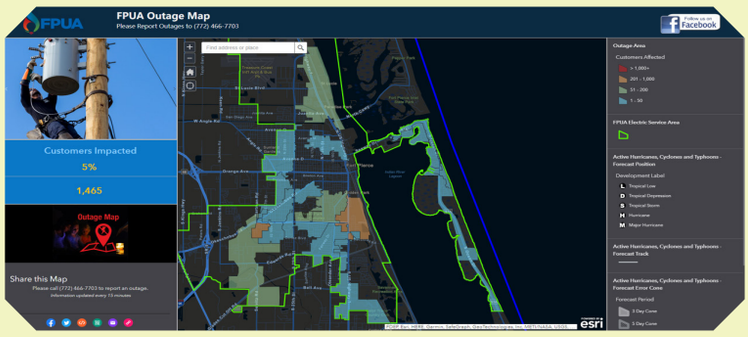
- Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area.
- Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.
- Before a Hurricane Watch or Warning is Announced check to be certain your emergency equipment is in good working order and that you have enough supplies to last at least two weeks.

Learn more at www.fpua.com/storm-center/

# FPUA Outage Map

Track storm power outages at www.fpua.com/outage-map

Report outages to (772) 466-7703




# Food & Water Storm Tips

## How to preprare before the storm

1. Make sure you have appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer.Check to ensure that the freezer temperature is at or below 0° F, and the refrigerator is at or below 40° F.
2. In case of a power outage, the appliance thermometers will indicate the temperatures in the refrigerator and freezer to help you determine if the food is safe.
3. Freeze containers of water for ice to help keep food cold in the freezer, refrigerator, or coolers in case the power goes out. If your normal water supply is contaminated or unavailable, the melting ice will also supply drinking water
4. Freeze refrigerated items such as leftovers, milk, and fresh meat and poultry that you may not need immediately. This helps keep them at a safe temperature longer.
5. Group food together in the freezer. This helps the food stay cold longer.
6. Have coolers on hand to keep refrigerated food cold if the power will be out for more than 4 hours.
7. Purchase or make ice cubes in advance, and freeze gel packs ahead of time. Store all of these in the freezer for future use in the refrigerator or in coolers.
8. Check out local sources to know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased, in case it should be needed. Store food on shelves that will be safely out of the way of contaminated water in case of flooding.
9. Make sure to have a supply of bottled water stored where it will be as safe as possible from flooding. If your bottled water has an odor, do not drink or use it. Instead, dispose of it, or if applicable, call your bottled water provider to make arrangements to get a replacement.

During an emergency, if you use food or beverage containers to hold non-food substances like gasoline, dispose of them after use and do not recycle them

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