

## Use Yard Waste and Bulk Trash Programs to Hurricane Proof Yards



Now is the time for Fort Lauderdale's neighbors to take advantage of the City's Residential Yard Waste and Bulk Trash Programs to get their properties hurricane ready. Taking action when a hurricane watch or warning has been issued is too late, as all City Solid Waste services are suspended during a storm.

If you haven't started preparing your yard for hurricane season yet, the City encourages you to do so now, before it's too late. Below are some guidelines to help you get your landscape hurricane ready:

Assess your property to ensure landscaping and trees will not become a wind hazard. Yard waste, branches, tree limbs and trimmings left behind because of delayed preparations could all become dangerous missiles if picked up by the wind during a major storm.

Complete all yard preparations, including tree trimming and pruning, by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year. This allows plenty of time for the safe collection disposal of yard waste and bulk trash.

Never put carts, bins, or bulk trash out once a Hurricane Warning is issued. Instead, store these items in a safe place out of high winds or tied them down securely.

For more information about the City of Fort Lauderdale's Yard Waste or other Solid Waste Services Programs, please contact the 24-hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000 or online at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice). You may also reach Customer Service via LauderServ, the City's Android application for mobile devices.