

How WM Recommends Preparing for Hurricanes

WM offers specific guidance for customers in Florida to help ensure services can resume quickly after a storm and to keep your property and waste safe during hurricane season.

Before the Storm [konklife.com](https://www.konklife.com)

- **Trim vegetation now** — Stop all yard maintenance and tree trimming once a projected Florida landfall is announced.
- **Secure yard waste** — Avoid placing yard waste at the curb after a hurricane watch. Move trash and recycling containers to a safe, enclosed area.
- **Bundle and tie down loose debris** — Secure items like tree limbs, wood planks, roofing tiles, and bulk waste so they won't become hazards in high winds.
- **Avoid curb placement** — Keep debris away from roads, drains, trees, poles, and structures.
- **Continue normal trash/recycling collection** — WM will follow regular schedules until winds reach 35mph or local authorities order a suspension due to landfill closures.

After the Storm [konklife.com](https://www.konklife.com)

- **Separate household waste from storm debris** — Keep normal trash separate from items like tree limbs, carpet, fencing, and appliances.
- **Place debris curbside safely** — Ensure it's not blocking roads or drains, and away from structures.
- **Restart collection** — WM will return to normal routes once local authorities deem streets safe and disposal sites operational.

General Hurricane Preparedness Tips [CDC+2](https://www.cdc.gov)

- **Make a plan** — Know evacuation routes, shelter locations, and family meeting points.
- **Gather supplies** — Include non-perishable food, water, medicine, flashlights, batteries, and extra cash.
- **Check insurance** — Ensure coverage for wind, flood, and other storm-related damage.
- **Secure your home** — Install storm shutters, reinforce windows, and protect outdoor items.
- **Listen for alerts** — Understand the difference between a hurricane watch and warning, and act accordingly.