



The Commercial Property Hurricane Readiness Checklist

A practical pre-season guide for Palm Beach County HOAs, property managers, estate managers, retail centers, office parks, and managed communities. Use it to spot common storm-season issues before heavy wind and rain are in the forecast.

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Get Ahead of Storm Season Before It Becomes Urgent



Hurricane season is not the time to discover weak limbs, blocked drains, overgrown access points, or an unclear vendor scope. Small maintenance issues can quickly turn into safety concerns, resident complaints, blocked routes, and expensive cleanup.

Use this checklist to walk the property, note priority areas, and decide what needs attention before storm prep becomes urgent.

What This Checklist Helps You Avoid

- Last-minute tree trimming requests when crews are already booked
- Resident complaints after preventable debris or access issues
- Drainage problems that were visible before the first major storm
- Confusion over who handles tree work, cleanup, or extra services
- High-visibility entrances looking neglected after heavy weather
- Scrambling to make decisions without a clear property plan

Start With the Areas That Create the Biggest Problems

Before you walk the full property, review these first:

Trees and palms near buildings, parking lots, walkways, and entrances

Drainage areas that already hold water after normal rain

Main access roads, gates, and emergency routes

Loose debris around common areas, pool areas, and storefronts

Any scope items your current vendor has not clearly defined

High-visibility areas residents, tenants, guests, and board members notice first



Pre-Season Property Checklist



Trees and Palms Property Checklist

Review trees, palms, and canopy areas across the property.

- ☐ Remove dead palm fronds before they become airborne debris
- ☐ Look for weak, cracked, or hanging limbs
- ☐ Review canopy clearance along access roads and emergency routes
- ☐ Look for leaning trees or exposed roots
- ☐ Identify branches touching roofs, lights, signs, or structures
- ☐ Confirm if tree trimming is included in your current plan
- ☐ Schedule needed trimming before contractors are booked out
- ☐ Check trees near buildings, parking areas, sidewalks, pools, signs, and entrances

Why it matters:

Tree issues are easier to address before a storm is on the radar. Once wind and rain are approaching, scheduling gets tighter, risk goes up, and weak limbs can quickly become access, safety, and cleanup problems.



Drainage and Standing Water Areas

Walk the property after rain or review known drainage issues with your maintenance team.

- ☐ Note areas where water regularly pools
- ☐ Check catch basins, drains, and swales for debris
- ☐ Review low spots near buildings, parking lots, and walkways
- ☐ Look for erosion around landscape beds and turf areas
- ☐ Confirm downspouts and runoff areas are clear
- ☐ Identify spots where mulch, soil, or debris may wash into walkways
- ☐ Confirm if drainage concerns are included in your current plan

Why it matters:

Stormwater problems often start in areas everyone already knows about. A pre-season review helps you deal with those areas before heavy rain exposes them again.



Loose Debris and Landscape Materials

Look for anything that could move in high wind or clog drainage.

- ☐ Clear loose palm boots, fronds, and branches
- ☐ Remove dead plant material from landscape beds
- ☐ Check mulch levels in areas prone to washout
- ☐ Secure or remove loose planters, pots, signs, and decorative items
- ☐ Review common areas, pool areas, courtyards, and entrances
- ☐ Confirm vendor materials are not being stored in exposed areas

Why it matters:

Small debris can create big cleanup issues after a storm, especially around drains, entrances, walkways, and parking areas.



Access Areas and Emergency Routes

Make sure key access points are clear and easy to navigate.

- ☐ Review main entrances and gated access points
- ☐ Check clearance for emergency vehicles and service crews
- ☐ Trim vegetation blocking signage, cameras, lights, or gates
- ☐ Clear walkways, sidewalks, and parking lot edges
- ☐ Review loading zones, maintenance areas, and dumpster enclosures
- ☐ Identify any areas that could become difficult to access after a storm

Why it matters:

After heavy wind and rain, access matters. Crews, residents, emergency vehicles, and vendors need clear routes in and out.



High-Visibility Areas

Review the areas residents, guests, tenants, and board members notice first.

- ☐ Main entrances
- ☐ Clubhouses and leasing offices
- ☐ Retail storefronts
- ☐ Office entrances
- ☐ Pool and amenity areas
- ☐ Monument signs
- ☐ Streetscapes and common areas

Why it matters:

Storm prep is about safety, but visibility matters too. Clean, maintained entry points help keep the property looking managed, even during a tough season.



Vendor Scope and Communication

Review your current landscape and tree care scope before the season gets busy.

- ☐ Confirm who handles tree trimming and removals
- ☐ Confirm who handles drainage concerns and landscape washout areas
- ☐ Review response expectations after a storm
- ☐ Make sure property maps, gate codes, and access notes are up to date
- ☐ Confirm the right contact person for storm-related decisions
- ☐ Make sure your board or ownership group understands what is included

Why it matters:

Storm season is not the time to find out your scope is unclear. A defined plan helps reduce delays, confusion, and finger-pointing.



Post-Storm Cleanup Planning

Think through cleanup before the property needs it.

- ☐ Identify priority areas for cleanup
- ☐ Confirm how fallen limbs and debris will be handled
- ☐ Review communication expectations for photos, updates, and timelines
- ☐ Make a list of areas that should be checked first after a storm
- ☐ Confirm who approves extra work if needed
- ☐ Confirm what cleanup is included in your agreement and what would be billed separately
- ☐ Keep vendor contact information easy to access

Why it matters:

The properties that recover faster usually have a plan before the storm, not after it.



Property Review Notes

Use this section during your walk-through.

Property name:

Date reviewed:

Reviewed by:

Top areas of concern

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Tree or palm concerns

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Drainage or washout concerns

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Access or visibility concerns

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Items to discuss with board, owner, or management team

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Want a Commercial Property Review Before Hurricane Season?

If your commercial property, HOA, estate, or managed community has trees, drainage concerns, overgrown areas, or unclear cleanup priorities, now is the time to review them.

Perfect Cut Landscaping works with Palm Beach County properties that need reliable landscape and tree care delivered through clear scopes, consistent schedules, and proactive communication.

Schedule a Pre-Season Commercial Property Review

We will review visible landscape and tree concerns, identify priority areas, and help you decide what should be addressed before storm prep becomes urgent.

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