

## Hurricane Information and your Landscape:

Although Kings Point is *not* in a Flood Zone, we may see some heavy thunderstorms this year, and it is best to have knowledge and be prepared.

Hurricane Season is from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

Have your Landscape professional assist you in pruning your large tree trees before hurricane season, as this drastically diminishes damage or risk of damage that may result from high winds. Trim and remove any branches or fronds that may become a hazard of sorts. It is better to prepare than to repair if possible.

Your Landscape Company, ValleyCrest, already has a hurricane plan of action for your community in place. Part of that plan is:

- Crews will be dispersed *after* a storm has passed and it is safe for the employees to proceed on roadways to the community without being in immediate danger.
- Clean up upon priority will be decided by Kings Point Federation which will in turn direct Sterling Management.
- Priority One – Clearing vehicle access to allow emergency personnel ability to service needs and access the community.
- Priority Two – Clearing debris from structural dwellings that may pose immediate risk or danger.
- Priority Three – Re-planting plant material that may have a chance of surviving if root balls can be planted and watered soon.
- Priority Four – Trim and remove hazardous damaged limbs that still remain in trees versus on the ground.
- They are prepared to import additional resources from outside their immediate area if required to expedite clean up and safety.

Sterling Management Services' intentions are to assist the Kings Point residents after an emergency. Our role is to coordinate contractors enabling them to respond as quickly as possible. However, all residents are responsible for making their own plans and preparations in advance of any storm. This includes carefully monitoring public television and radio broadcast notifications and evacuation advisories. Sterling employees will mobilize when roadway conditions, bridge closing and flooded areas allow. Also, the telephone and electrical utility services may be disrupted and we need these services to be responsive.

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