

**PLAN.
PREPARE.
RECOVER.**

Preparation and Recovery

Urban Land Recovery

- If you remove a tree, plant another in its place!
- Not all storm-damaged trees need to be removed; many trees can recover!
- Consider removing pine trees within 30 ft. of structures (if the trunk is bigger than 15 inches in diameter, the tree poses a threat to property)

Rural Land Recovery

- Decide what trees to remove or restore based on:
 - ✓ soil space and soil properties
 - ✓ tree health, size and age
 - ✓ previous cultural practices
- Hire a professional to help with post hurricane recovery
- Immediately following a storm, document any damage to your property prior to salvaging and cleaning. Save copy of local newspaper to support claim
- Evaluating trees and forest stands, and reharvesting them after a hurricane is strongly encouraged

General (Urban & Rural) Land Recovery

- Foresters provide alternative resources and referrals for storm planning and recovery of trees after a hurricane
- Foresters provide reforestation assistance to landowners; planning the timing of harvesting timber, manner of harvesting timber, methods of site preparation and planting, and use of cost share programs are considered.
- Many early warning signs of stressed trees are undetectable to the average eye—foresters are trained experts in identifying injured trees.

