



## **4-STEP HURRICANE PREP**

Follow our 4-step Hurricane Prep guide to prepare your trees for hurricane season! Don't wait until a hurricane is on the way. This guide can be used year-round, and the earlier you prepare your trees for hurricane season the better!

**IDENTIFY**

**INSPECT**

**PRUNE**

**PROTECT**

# IDENTIFY

Learn to identify warning signs that your tree may need to be inspected. If you see any of the signs below, move to the next step: INSPECT.

1. Is the tree near a building or high-traffic area?



2. Are there any large, dead branches?



3. Does the tree lean significantly?



4. Do the tree branches meet in a "V" instead of a "U"?



# INSPECT

Having your trees inspected is a great idea, regardless of the time of year or condition of the tree. First, make sure the tree is actually on your property!

Determine if the tree is publicly or privately owned.  
Click here to see a map of Chatham County with property boundaries.



If publicly-owned, contact your municipality to request an inspection.

For the City of Savannah, call 311.  
For Chatham County, call 912-652-6840.



If privately-owned, call a Certified Arborist to inspect your trees.  
Click here to find a list of local companies with Certified Arborists.



# PRUNE

Having your trees pruned by a professional can decrease the likelihood of failure during storms. Always make sure to hire a company with an ISA Certified Arborist on staff! You can find a list of local companies at the link [HERE](#).

Watch the video below to see how a professional arborist assesses work to be done.



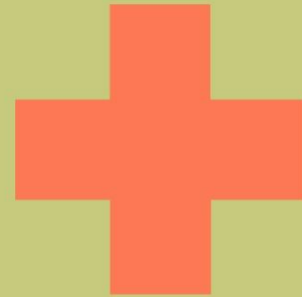
# PROTECT

The first 3 steps are all about preparing your trees for a storm, but what happens after a storm has come through? Follow the last step, PROTECT, to keep yourself, your property, and others out of harm's way.

*If a tree or limb comes down in a storm, do not touch or move it until you've assessed the situation.*



*If someone has been hurt, call 911.*



*If an above-ground powerline or power pole has been damaged, call Georgia Power.*



**1-888-891-0938**  
24 hours/7 days

If any other utilities, such as water or gas lines, have been damaged:

Call 311 in Savannah City limits,  
or 912-652-6840 elsewhere in  
Chatham County.



# PROTECT

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| <p><i>If the tree fell on public property:<br/>Call 311 in Savannah City limits,<br/>or 912-652-6840 elsewhere in<br/>Chatham County.</i></p>  | <p><i>If the tree fell on your property,<br/>call your landlord, if necessary,<br/>and your insurance provider.</i></p> <p><i>Then call a certified arborist for removal.</i></p> <p><b>1</b><br/></p> <p><b>2</b><br/></p> <p><b>3</b><br/></p> |
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Remember these 4 steps to prepare for hurricane season and keep yourself safe in the event of a storm!

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