

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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The drought is gone, but hopefully not forgotten, and the hurricane season is officially here. Many superintendents have never been in a bad hurricane. Many of us have moved here from the north and have never experienced the fury of these killer storms slamming ashore with their tidal surges, torrential rains, winds over 200 mph, and tornadoes.

Hurricane David, which hit the East Coast in September 1979, was barely more than a tropical storm after it passed over the mountains in Cuba. However, I can remember back in the early 60's to Hurricanes Donna and Cleo. Donna lasted two days. She came through the Florida Straights and hit Key West. She then turned north and the eye went up Florida's Gulf Coast. She wiped out almost everything in her path. She was so big that damage on Florida's East Coast was in the millions of dollars. Sand from Ft. Lauderdale's beach covered AIA, and large fish, trees, and other debris were strewn everywhere. Hurricane Cleo, the next year, was even worse. It's eye went up the East Coast.

These two hurricanes were not even the worst ones to hit Florida. I wasn't around for the others, but those two left an impression on me that I'll never forget.

In the summer of 1978, when I was preparing to take my vacation, I left with my assistant a Hurricane Preparation Check List. He did not need it that year, but the next year he did. When Hurricane David hit in September 1979 I was in Virginia proposing to my wife. I could not get back in time, but my assistant and the crew knew exactly what to do. Maybe this list will give you a few ideas to help reduce the damage.

## A. PUMP HOUSE:

1. Secure removable roof.
2. Crack windows to relieve pressure.
3. Remove any loose objects inside and out.

4. Fertigation tank — Fill with water and secure lid.
5. Secure Fertigation Pump.
6. Master breaker off.
7. Secure the door.

## B. GOLF COURSE:

1. Remove shingles from Tee Information Posts.
2. Remove Wastebaskets, Scorecard Boxes, Trap Rakes, Flag Poles, Cups, and Tee Markers.
3. Remove everything from Practice Greens and Driving Range.
4. Heavily secure all new trees.
5. Lock and secure down Irrigation Controllers and check groundings.
6. Remove all signs and cypress fence rails.
7. Secure or remove all Road Signs.

## C. FLOOD PUMPS

Check with Engineering.

## D. HALFWAY HOUSES:

1. Crack windows.
2. Remove all loose objects.
3. Turn off water.
4. Turn off circuit breaker.
5. Lock and secure door.
6. Bring in all water coolers.

## E. MAINTENANCE COMPOUND

1. Secure wood fence.
2. Chemical Room — Remove small or wettable chemicals.
3. Sand bag a couple rows inside Fertilizer Room door.
4. All small equipment, pipe, etc. inside.
5. All loose objects inside or secured.
6. Sand bag a couple of rows inside all doors.
7. Master Breaker off.
8. Secure doors and gates. ■

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