

So. Florida landscapers clean up after Andrew

LARGO, Fla.—More than 60 members of Florida's Landscape Maintenance Association visited Homestead the weekend of Sept. 5-6-7. The clean-up detail was coordinated by LMA member Tom Lund.

"We have a lot of family down there," Lund told LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT. "The day after the storm hit, we took them ice, water and canned goods. I saw the problems and knew help was needed."

LMA executive director Charles

Bingaman noted that "most of our members there were wiped out."

Lund originally tried to coordinate through the American Red Cross but received little assistance. He finally went through the Homestead town manager and was allowed to set up a campground for LMA helpers on one lady's lawn. Before

the weekend was over, they had cleaned up 69 properties in one neighborhood.

A second clean-up expedition was planned for Oct. 2-4, this to help at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in South Miami, where numerous botanical treasures were wiped out.

"Fairchild is no longer Fairchild," says Lund. "We're trying to get 150 to 200 volunteers there, volunteers who are basically LMA members because we need people with expertise. We want to save as much material as possible."

—J.R.

Worker protection against pesticides announced by EPA

WASHINGTON—A new standard to protect workers who handle pesticides has been announced by the U.S. EPA.

The revised Worker Protection Standard requires that:

- employers provide pesticide handlers and workers with ample water, soap and towels for washing and decontamination,
- transportation be made available in case of pesticide poisoning or injury;
- entry be restricted following pesticide applications;
- personal protection equipment be used for all pesticides used on farms, or in forests, greenhouses and nurseries;
- employers inform workers about pesticide hazards through safety training;
- a list of pesticide treatments be centrally located in the handling facility; and
- handlers not apply pesticides in a way that could expose workers or other people.

"Workers throughout America will know, often for the first time, when they are working in the presence of toxic pesticides, understand the nature of the risks these chemicals present, and get basic safety instructions," says EPA administrator William K. Reilly.

The rules are to be phased in over the next two years.

The rules will not apply to government-sponsored pest control, home gardens or lawns or research on unregistered pesticides.

For more information on the standards, contact Elizabeth Lawder at Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) by phoning (202) 872-3860.

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