

The Isles of Sarasota Hurricane Update:

Below are community updates on landscaping clean up and the status of the amenities.

Trash Pickup: Waste Management is scheduled to resume recycling pick-up the week of October 17th. The first pick-up date for The Isles will be **October 19th**. Please bring in your blue bin if you have it roadside. Follow this link to the Sarasota County Government web page for the latest on trash pickup, [Solid Waste | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasotacountyfl.gov/Services/Solid-Waste)

Tennis Courts: The tennis courts are now open. A special thank you to David, Isles Maintenance Supervisor, for his hard work and knowledge to get the court back open. Ongoing maintenance will continue this week on the courts. Court 3 will be closed Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and court 4 will be closed Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Windscreens that were damaged will be replaced.

Mulch: Installation of mulch started Tuesday, October 11, 2022, and is expected to take three weeks to completed. Mulch will be installed along Benevento north stop at DeMarco Wednesday the 11th and 12th. Gaurino Drive and Garessio Lane are scheduled to have mulch installed Thursday the 12th and Friday the 13th.

Water Level of Ponds: The water level in the ponds is receding. Palmer Ranch has cleared all outflow structures to allow ponds and south creek in Palmer Ranch to drain properly.

Roads Signs reported to the county: The management office has reported 7 roads signs to Sarasota County for repair or replacement.

Light Poles: Seven damaged light poles have been reported to FP&L for repair or replacement.

Hurricane Shutters: All hurricane shutter should have been taken down. If your shutter are still up, please remove them immediately.

LANDSCAPING UPDATES

Hurricane cleanup was broken down into three phases:

- Phase 1 - *Road Clearance* – Sarasota County and Brightview cleared the roads immediately after the storm so vehicle can pass safely.
- Phase 2 - *Yard Cleanup* – Brightview went around each home removing loose yard debris such as: palm fronds, palm boots, and tree branches on the ground. This work was completed last week.
- Phase 3 – *Large Tree and Stump Removal* – The removal of larger trees such as oaks and palms trees that were blown over in the storm has started and is expected to be completed this week. Brightview will be cutting these trees into smaller sections to be placed curbside for the county to pick up. The remaining tree stumps and root-balls will be removed and

dump offsite by Brightview. Any depression left in the ground from the removal of a root ball will be backfilled with dirt and sod.

Unfortunately, not all trees will survive damages from Hurricane Ian. Each tree is assessed individually, by BrightView, to determine whether it can be saved. Factors used to make this decision include sustained root damage, size, and location of the tree. The management office will be following the recommendations of BrightView.

Curbside Debris – All curbside debris will be collected by Sarasota County. The county has divided Sarasota into zones for pick up. The Isles is part of zone M5. For more details click on the link below. <https://sarco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=507a8ef6a66748039acc0803ec429ffb>

Tree & Plant Replacement – Streetside oaks will not be replaced at this time. If you lost a tree or other plants in your yard due to the hurricane and would like them replaced, please submit a portal ticket. All requests will be assessed on an individual basis to determine the appropriate replacement tree, plant type, size, number, and location of the replacement(s). Not all trees or plants will be replaced. Brightview and the association will be communicating with homeowners via the portal when the request has been addressed. This process is going to take the association into next year, we appreciate your patience.

Enhancements - The hurricane delayed our plant and sod installation schedule. The October enhancement list for portal tickets submitted during the month of April through July, was started, and has been delayed until early November. Portal tickets submitted in August and early September will be installed late December. Any request submitted after the 3rd week of September will be completed in early 2023. Please note that these schedules are influenced by the availability of plants.

Tree Staking – BrightView will resume staking of smaller trees such as hibiscus, crape myrtles and jatrophas that were blown over in the hurricane starting Monday October 17th. A portal ticket is not required for this issue.

Oak Tree / Palm Trimming – The management office is aware there are oak and palm trees with broken limbs due to hurricane Ian. Starting the week of October 17th the trim crew will only be trimming damaged lower hanging oak branches and palm fronds under 12 feet. Palms over 12 feet and oak trees with broken branches that cannot be reached by the trim crew will be assessed by the Tree Care division. Please email Olga Barrios, Landscaping Coordinator at olga.barrios@argusmgmt.com, if you have a safety concern regarding a broken branch or palm frond.

The trim crew will begin regular trimming of bushes and shrubs the week of October 24th. Trimming will begin at Burgos Drive, south of Aviano.

Leaning Oak Trees – The management office has a list of leaning oak trees for the BrightView Tree Care division to assess. Tree Care will determine if the oak is a safety issue and needs to be removed. The

association will follow their recommendations. Please DO NOT create a portal ticket for this issue, but rather, email Olga Barrios with the location of the tree and she will ensure it is on the list.

Mowing – Mowing will resume the week of October 17th. Weekly mowing will be reduced to bi-weekly, as part of the winter schedule later this month.

Respectfully,

Isles of Sarasota
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