

## The Strand HOA

Well, we have just dealt with our second hurricane in 5 years. Enough already. However, compared to our surrounding communities, The Strand held up quite well. Maintaining electricity was a key factor in limiting the potential damage. I wanted to communicate sooner, but as you know, many of us had no internet, cable or phone service until last evening.

I hope everyone is safe and your damage limited.

I wanted to provide a quick update as to post-storm issues and activities.

Thanks primarily to George Merrill, he arranged in advance with our landscaper post-storm cleanup procedures. Our landscaper agreed, based upon our long-standing relationship, to service our community quickly and efficiently. The morning after the storm, our landscaper was out cleaning debris that impaired our streets and our property owners' access to their homes. I think they did a super job even though they were working with limited staff. Our landscapers continue to work today in our community, even though it is not a normal workday for them. I have a few points I want to make, based upon questions that were asked by some of our homeowners:

1. Our landscaper cleanup pertains to debris that is a hazard to our roadways and to homeowners' access to their property. Shrubs, trees or tree branches down on the homeowner's property that is purely cleanup will not be serviced by our landscaper under our landscape agreement. The homeowner can bring this debris to the front of their house, where it will be picked up. For larger items that cannot easily be moved to the front, our homeowners will need to contract directly with our landscaper or with a third-party landscaper.
2. If a third-party landscaper is contracted to do cleanup for you, that landscaper must remove the debris from the homeowners' property. Our landscaper will not remove this debris.

3. If a live tree on a neighbor's property fell onto your property, you are responsible for cleanup. This is the law in Florida. Any resulting property damage created is also your responsibility, not your neighbors on whose property the tree sat.
4. If you are out of town, hopefully you made arrangements with your neighbor or home watch provider to check your property for any damage.

Thank you,  
Mitch