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## FOCUS ON: After The Storm

### We hope you all stayed safe during Hurricane Florence!

Whether you saw a little bit of rain, or your business suffered serious loss, here are some clean-up reminders and resources\*:

#### FOR YOUR BUSINESS

- **Secure unstable structures and buildings.**

- **Take care of any onsite plant material.** As quickly as possible, stand up and re-stake plant material. Also, irrigate to flush any salt residue - the force of hurricane winds can carry salt spray for miles. Replant any material needing it. Prune to correct any damage.

- **Notify the proper authorities in the event of storm damage.** Notify the local police or sheriff's department of any road obstructions or hazardous situations. Notify your electric company of any power outages so they can get your request in their repair sequences. Report water, sewer or gas line breaches to the appropriate authority. If in doubt, call the police or sheriff's department.

- **If necessary, notify disaster assistance agencies of your needs.** If you have crop insurance, you may qualify for disaster assistance or low cost loans. Contact the appropriate agency as soon as possible for instruction.

- **Photograph and document damage** before you start clean-up.

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY

- **DO NOT approach downed power lines. Call your power company and report downed lines or loss of power.**

- **DO NOT walk or drive through flooded areas.** A mere 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock down an adult, 12 inches of rushing water can carry away a small car, and 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. In addition, dangerous animals and hazards can be in standing water.

- **Use proper equipment to clear large trees and debris from yards.**