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Secure home’s exterior from Irma’s winds

September 8, 2017 – Please take care of a few things outside to help prevent storm damage inside the house, as Flagler County prepares for the effects of Hurricane Irma to reach us.

“We are asking residents to rush to completion to finish certain tasks by the end of the day Saturday – sooner if possible,” said Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten. “Shoring up your property will lessen the risk of damage to your home.”

Trees that are close to structures should be checked for weak limbs and branches. Prune back anything that is overhanging a structure.

Tie down, remove or bring inside the outdoor items that could be torn loose or blown away, including potted plants. Roll up and secure canvas awnings with sturdy rope or twine.

Keep chemicals, fertilizers and other toxic materials in a secure area on the premises. Secure propane tanks away from heat sources, such as water heaters and appliances.

“We urge you to take care of these things now, ahead of any effects of the hurricane impacting Flagler County,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “It will help us to help you.”

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