



APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 2026

Florida's hurricane season is officially June 1st to November 30th, with mid-August through late October being the most active time for stormy weather. Many Watercrest residents were here for Irma, Ian, Helene and Milton. The **Watercrest Hurricane Binder (2020)** is currently under review and will be updated prior to the arrival of the 2026 hurricane season. The binder is available for viewing on our web site at www.myWatercrest.com.

Additionally, **Sarasota County** provides some of Florida's best information on all aspects of hurricane preparedness through their web site at [Hurricane Preparedness | Sarasota County, FL](http://HurricanePreparedness|SarasotaCounty,FL)

Now is the time to think about hurricane preparedness. June is just around the corner.

LANDSCAPING UPDATES

Sod

Owners who believe their existing **sod needs treatment or replacement** should place a work order on the www.artistree.com website. Click on "service ticket/create new ticket as guest" and follow the prompts, which are very simple. Be sure to use the dropdown bar and click on "Watercrest" for the community. Your lawn will then be assessed to determine what is required. If new sod is recommended, affected homeowners will be added to the approved replacement list for future installation.

Shrub requests

Owners who believe their existing shrubs need treatment or replacement should send an email to landscapewatercrest@gmail.com. As with sod requests, your shrubs will be assessed and either treated or added to the approved replacement list for future installation.

We are in a drought...please water as necessary

We are and have been for quite a while in a drought, and this may not change. If you believe your lawn and/or shrubs are looking dry, need water, starting to get brown, please water on your own. We are not getting enough rain, and the sprinklers are not designed to provide adequate irrigation in a drought. One solution is to set up a sprinkler and let it run for ten minutes, then move it to another area as needed. This will keep our landscape looking nice and could save our community money in the amount of sod and shrub replacement we need to do.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Committee: Thursday, **April 2** & Thursday, **April 16** – both at 10:30 a.m. in the Guardhouse and on Zoom.

Watercrest Monthly Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, **April 9** at **6:00 p.m.**, at the Jacaranda Public Library and on Zoom. Also note: **3:30 to 4:45 pm.** - ArtisTree Account Executive Introduction and Service Summary

ST. PATRICK'S FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS



Fun, food and the wearin' of the green were the order of the day!

Interested in planning activities for the Watercrest Community? Monthly get-togethers like Friday with Friends and special holiday events like Valentine's or St. Patrick's Day are just some examples of what you might like to be involved in planning. Please contact Bryan Lewis at blewis@sunstatemanagement.com with your expression of interest.