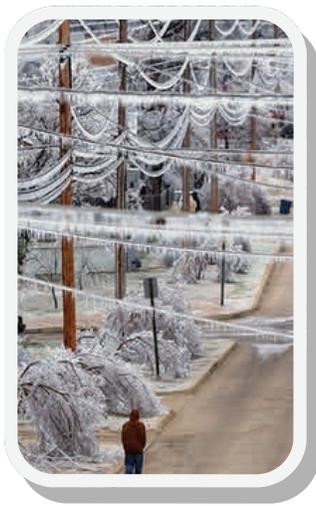


Urban Forestry Emergency Operations Planning Guide for Storm Response (UFEOP Guide)



It should not come as a surprise that we are in a new era of catastrophes. In fact 91% of Americans live in places at a moderate-to-high risk of earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, or high-wind damage according to an estimate calculated for TIME by the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina.

The UFEOP Guide provides urban forestry professionals concrete approaches when preparing for natural disasters that impact the urban forest. Our methodology included an extensive survey, interviews, meeting of experts, and review by professionals.



The guide contains these 10 key components of preparedness, identified as important in the survey and through interviews: planning, communications, contracts, incident command system, inventory, mutual aid agreements, training, vegetative debris, and vulnerability.

Our team believes that the reader will find this guide useful in planning and preparing your community's response to storms. We believe that a well thought out and tested storm preparedness protocol is essential in this era of increasing storms across the urban forest.

For more information go to www.smarttreespacific.org and click on the Urban Forestry EOP Guide button.

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