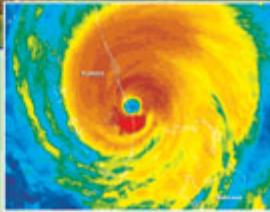


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 Wind Damage in Florida

by Pamela Crawford



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Reviews of Ms. Crawford's first book, "Easy Gardens for South Florida"

"Finally, a gardening book that is worth the paper it's printed on. It's one of the few books I've come across that's relevant to gardeners here, well organized and full of good advice." *Leslie Bennett, St. Petersburg Times.*

"Who is this serial plant killer and why should we listen to her? Crawford spent 18 years testing every new plant she could get her hands on to determine which ones best survive the terrib heat and torrential rains of Florida. The ultimate survivors were put through maintenance trials so she could advise her readers how to keep them alive and happy." *Charlyne Varkonyi-Schubert, South Florida Sun Sentinel.*



From left to right: Barbara Hadfield, Research Assistant for this book, Miss Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center, and Pamela Crawford, the author. Photo by Bill O'Brien. Front photo: FEMA, Graphics, NOAA.

Author's Background

Pamela Crawford has a BA from Vanderbilt University and a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from Florida International University. She has designed over 1500 gardens for residences, businesses, and country clubs. This book was inspired by the destruction she saw after Florida's 2004 hurricane season. Pamela and her research assistant, Barbara Hadfield, consulted with the best experts on both sides - weather and landscaping. What they found were significant solutions that will minimize landscape damage in future hurricanes and beautify gardens as well. This book could save your garden, your home, and maybe your sanity after the next big one. This is Pamela's third book, following "Easy Gardens for South Florida" and "Best Garden Color for Florida."

"Of 2,500 plants tested in her ... gardens, Crawford found 188 hardy beauties that actually thrive in Florida's scorching, monsoonal summers, the soil and salty brines. She kept meticulous notes on her trials and errors and compiled them in a colorful informative book...It's selling like hotcakes in March." *Penny Carastika, Tampa Tribune.*

"I am all for making things as easy as possible, especially when it comes to gardening. Maybe that is why I love Pamela Crawford's book... *Marjorie VanderKruik, The Pine Island Eagle.*

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Important Wind Screen Guidelines

1. Plant clumps of trees rather than singles. Clumps, which hold up better in wind, should contain at least five trees.
2. Don't plant so close to the house that the plants touch the walls or you may create a highway for insects to enter your home.
3. Keep the larger trees a distance from your house. If the roots are too close, the tree loses some of its stability. For large trees like live oaks, plant them at least 15 to 25 feet away from your walls. Smaller trees can be closer.
4. If possible, keep your front door visible from the street. You'll have less break-ins that way.
5. If your neighborhood regulations limit the amount of planting you can do in front, concentrate on the sides and back. At least you'll have three sides protected.
6. Use the most wind-tolerant material on the outer edge of your screen (see pages 40-43). This area that will receive the most wind. Plant more delicate material between the wind screen and the house.
7. Understand your risk. Hurricanes are never predictable, and any tree can fall with enough wind. Tornados can easily down wind-tolerant trees in a cat 1 hurricane. And there are experts who recommend no trees within falling distance of the house.
8. Study Chapter 3, so you don't plant trees in areas where they are likely to fall.

These photos show protected landscapes designed by Bill Reeve and Jennifer Atwood of Botanical Visions in Boca Raton (phone: 561-361-6677).



Protect your home with wind tolerant trees...



This page and opposite, top: This backyard was designed by Bill Reeve and Jennifer Atwood from Botanical Visions in Boca Raton (phone, 561-361-6677) to create a private oasis of tranquility for the owners. An added benefit of the wooded setting is that it acts as a wind screen for the house. Be sure and use wind-tolerant plants for your wind screen, like the ones shown on pages 40-43. If you plant weak plants in this kind of arrangement, it can backfire and fall on your home instead of protecting it. Opposite, bottom: This home was built in a natural wooded setting, featuring lots of wind-tolerant live oaks and sabal palms, which shelter it from the elements.

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