



BIG CYPRESS BASIN

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Subject: Golden Gate Canal Tree Removal Project

Dear Resident,

The South Florida Water Management District (District) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state. Our mission is to manage and protect the water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water quality, natural systems and water supply.

As part of its flood control mission, beginning on or about April 9th the District will be removing trees within the drainage easement along the Golden Gate Main canal from 63rd SW to Santa Barbara Blvd. As part of this project, all trees within the drainage easement will be removed. The District will require the removal of unpermitted fences, small sheds, pergolas, gazebos, lighting and/or other improvements situated within the easement. While the District will endeavor to minimize damage to any permitted structures, it is advisable that prior to commencement of the project, all such improvements be removed or safeguarded. In addition, any improvements (i.e., fences, sheds, docks, etc.) within the canal, on the canal bank or within the easement will require a Right of Way Occupancy Permit. Information on District Occupancy permits can be found on the District's website: www.sfwmd.gov.

District staff will continue to update residents impacted by the project until all work is complete. A website is available for residents to access details and updates to the status of the project at www.sfwmd.gov/GoldenGateCanal. We anticipate tree removal work will be completed by the end of June 2018. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Big Cypress Basin Field Station Superintendent Karen Estock at 348-7530 ext.7811, email kestock@sfwmd.gov or Field OPS & Maintenance Supervisor Johnathan Askew at 348-7530 ext. 7813, email jaskew@sfwmd.gov.

Sincerely,

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