

Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions

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Electric Utility Provider : FPL

Zip Code : 32905

Category : Other

Comments : In 1961 and 1965 I went through 2 hurricanes in Miami and never lost power. The winds were over 100MPH. Now if the winds get over 50MPH, the power goes out. FPL used to have their own crews for cutting branches close to power lines. I dont know when they shut that down but they do not have any crews today. They have left the tree maintenance up to homeowners, that except for a few, are not going to do anything. It used to be a free service from FPL and they monitored the trees by themselves without waiting for homeowners to call them. I also believe they are using cheaper hardware that will not withstand winds over 70MPH. Homes today must withstand 125MPH winds but FPL does not have any wind requirements that I know of.