

Sendero Cove Homeowners,

Following the recent frost events in Central Florida, we want to provide important information about what to expect in your landscape over the coming weeks and how cold damage can present itself over time.

When frost damage will appear

Not all frost damage is immediately visible. While some plants may show symptoms within a few days, others—especially larger shrubs and trees—may take **several weeks** to show signs of decline. Cold injury often affects plant tissue internally before symptoms become obvious.

Common signs of frost damage

- Browning, blackening, or water-soaked leaves
- Wilting or drooping foliage
- Leaf drop on turf, annuals, perennials, and tropical plants
- Dieback at branch tips or stems

Why some plants may decline or die

Frost can damage plant cells, restrict water movement, and weaken root systems. In severe cases, this can lead to:

- Gradual decline as damaged tissue fails to recover
- Secondary stress from pests or disease entering weakened plants
- Partial or complete plant loss, especially in cold-sensitive species

Trees and large shrubs

Larger shrubs and trees often respond more slowly to frost injury. It may take **2–6 weeks or longer** for dieback or failure to leaf out to become apparent. In some cases, plants may appear stable initially but decline later as damaged internal tissue fails.

Pruning and maintenance timing

Immediate pruning is not always recommended after a frost. Leaving damaged growth temporarily can help protect plants from additional cold events. Our team will evaluate each plant and determine the appropriate timing for pruning or removal once recovery or decline is clearly evident.

Our ongoing care

We will continue to monitor landscapes closely as temperatures warm. If plant loss occurs due to frost damage, we will communicate recommendations and replacement options as needed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as Florida landscapes recover from this cold event. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your property.