Here are examples of activities that can help you prepare for adverse weather events while at the same time earning points toward the ten needed to qualify for a Tree City USA for a Growth Award.

**CATEGORY A: EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- A campaign to promote planting storm-resistant trees
- Publicity about tree care following a storm
- A workshop or mass media ads about proper pruning (including pruning for strong branch architecture and other storm-resistant techniques)

**CATEGORY B: PARTNERSHIPS**

- Creating a tree planting and/or stewardship group
- Establishing a formal working relationship with a utility or nonprofit tree organization
- Initiating or improving a cost-sharing program to encourage the planting of storm-resistant trees on private property

**CATEGORY C: PLANNING & MANAGEMENT**

- Completing a management plan or emergency plan
- Creating or updating a street tree inventory or conducting an ecosystem analysis
- Conducting the pre-storm stage for use in i-Tree Storm (a method of rapidly assessing the extent of damage and cleanup needs after a storm)

**CATEGORY D: TREE PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**

- Assessing tree risk and mitigating or removing hazard trees
- Street tree pruning
- Tree planting for restoration after a storm

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