



## JULY WEATHER PREDICTION FOR FLORIDA

Near normal temperatures and precipitation. Average temperatures range from 80 in the north to 85 in the south. The greatest hurricane threat is at mid- and late-month.



## JULY GARDENING TIPS

Re-pot your houseplants that are drying out. Select a pot that is one to two inches wide and is deeper than your plant's current container. Remove spent vegetables and flowers from your garden or yard, and watch for yellowing leaves on plants. This might indicate an iron deficiency. If you are going to trim your unruly trees, know that topping and other pruning methods like flush cuts and stub cuts are unlawful. Topping is perhaps the most harmful tree pruning practice known, yet it remains quite common. Other names for topping include heading, tipping, hatracking and rounding over. This type of pruning damages your tree - learn how to cut correctly, if you decide to do it yourself.



## FLORIDA TIDBIT

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The era of the railroad barons began as Henry Plant established service on the west coast, and Henry Flagler began an east coast rail line.

# LED TRAFFIC LIGHTS



The Engineering Department converted more than 75% of traffic signals from standard to low-energy, LED lighting, saving thousands of dollars each month in traffic electricity bills. Light-emitting diode indicators, or LED bulbs, use 70% less energy and need replaced every seven years. Standard traffic light bulbs last only one year.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MARINE & AVIATION

- Completed a waterway management plan, drafted a five-year business plan based on performance measures, maintained and tracked performance measures, and utilized marina software for slip rent.
- Collected revenues from several marina services: boat slip rentals (\$785,906), Seminole Boat Ramp charges (\$90,484, an increase of \$10,000 from last year), Pier 60 umbrella rentals (\$92,612.67), and Barefoot Beach umbrella rentals (\$120,420.35).
- Analyzed fuel sales for each shift, tracked transient slip rentals and fuel sales revenue, installed new dispensers, initiated use of Valvtec fuels, and maintained waterway signage.
- Maintained docks, building and facilities, including the Seminole Launch Ramp and docks. The Marina sold 102,935 gallons of gasoline, 262,401 gallons of diesel fuel, and collected revenues of \$3,171,550 in 2007; transient boat nights were 50% occupied with a total of 3,830 of 7,665 slips available.
- The Airpark was the site of more than 50,000 flight operations, sold more than 130,000 gallons of fuel, and maintained 100% hangar occupancy with accompanying waiting list.
- Planned and hosted an Open House/ Neighborhood Day at Clearwater Airpark.
- The Airpark received an Florida Department of Transportation grant for new Fixed Base Operator building sewer upgrade, maintained and repaired older hangars, converted underground wiring for security to fiber optic, updated the Airport Layout Plan to show loss properties, and added Wi-Fi capabilities.