

Update October 4, 2017

Household Trash Removal

As reported in an earlier update, Lee County Solid Waste has begun curbside collection of yard waste. Recycling pickup has also resumed. Here are some FAQ's to assist you.

FAQs: Hurricane Irma clean up As residents tackle property clean up, Lee County Solid Waste offers the following guidance to frequently asked questions.

What is the difference between storm-related debris and regular household trash?

Storm debris includes any trees, tree limbs and shrubs that went down in the hurricane. It also includes any fencing, flooring, furniture or wall board, etc. that had to be removed from the home due to flooding or other structural damage. This will be picked up by special debris-collection contractors. Regular household trash is those things that you would throw away in a normal week with no hurricane. This will be picked up by your regular waste hauler.

When will my regular household collections resume?

All three types of household collections – garbage, recycling and normal weekly yard waste – Has resumed on regular collection days. You can help speed the cleanup by placing yard waste that is in compliance out for weekly collection by your regular hauler. This includes yard waste that is bagged, bundled and tied, or in containers. Each bag, bundle or container needs to weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundles need to be less than six feet. Palm fronds can be stacked in neat piles at the curb. Where can I get more information? For more information on proper set out, go to www.leegov.com/solidwaste/residential

Debris Removal

After any natural disaster, debris removal is one of the biggest recovery tasks - clearing, removing and disposing of items like trees, parts of buildings, wreckage, vehicles, personal property, dirt and mud. Remember, the entire county has been covered with debris. Please have patience. We have been working in the hardest-hit areas first and will pick up your debris as quickly as we can.

When will the storm debris be collected from my curb and what should I do to prepare?

There is no definite schedule for when storm debris will be collected from your neighborhood. Additional debris collection vehicles arrive daily and are dispatched as soon as they are certified by FEMA. This cleanup effort will take months; it will not be concluded until all county neighborhoods are cleared. You can prepare for the storm debris collection by having everything at the curb in separate piles; vegetation waste should be separate from construction debris, including furniture, appliances.

Residents of impacted areas that can safely do so, are asked to place any storm-generated debris on the public right-of-way.

The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents are urged to separate the debris as follows:

- VEGETATIVE DEBRIS (whole trees, tree stumps, tree branches, tree trunks and other leafy material)
- CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS (damaged components of buildings and structures such as lumber and wood, wall board, glass, metal, roofing materials, tile, furnishings, and fixtures)
- WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers and water heaters)
- ELECTRONIC WASTE (computers, televisions, office electronic equipment, etc.)

Only loose debris will be collected, bagged debris should not be placed on the public right-of-way.

Do not place debris near a water meter vault, fire hydrant or any other above-ground utility. Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection until further notice. The attached flyer provides residents with a visual overview of the proper method to set debris on the right-of-way.

Hurricane Clean Up - Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

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NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS
• Logs
• Plants
• Tree branches
• Leaves (do not put in bags) * If you have a lot of leaves and small twigs in plastic bags, please set those aside from any brush piles. ▼
* The brush will be ground into mulch, so plastic must be avoided.

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
• Building materials
• Carpet
• Drywall
• Furniture
• Lumber
• Mattresses
• Plumbing

APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS
• Air conditioners
• Dishwashers
• Freezers
• Refrigerators
• Stoves
• Washers, dryers
• Water heaters

ELECTRONICS
• Computers
• Radios
• Stunners
• Televisions
• Other devices with a cord

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
Please, no chemicals at the curb. They can create a fire hazard. Please take them to: 6441 Topaz Ct. Fort Myers, FL 33966

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HURRICANE CLEAN UP

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Storm debris includes any trees, tree limbs and shrubs that went down in the hurricane. Regular household trash is what you would throw away in a typical week.

When will the storm debris be collected from my curb and what should I do to prepare?
There is no schedule for when storm debris will be collected from your neighborhood, but be assured that it will. Cleanup efforts take time.

When will my regular household collections resume?
Regular collections of garbage, recycling and your normal weekly yard waste resume as soon as it is safe for collection crews to do so.

Hazardous Waste

The HCW special events for Bonita Springs are by appointment only. Please review the flier below. Residents are also able to bring their HCW to our Topaz Court Annex (6441 Topaz Court, Fort Myers) Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm, except holidays, without an appointment.

Bonita Springs HCW Collection Info

You can now dispose of your Household Chemical Waste in Bonita Springs at the LCSW drop off location at 10880-Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs FL 34135. The collection event will be held in the vacant lot located at the corner of Harold St & Bonita Beach Rd, just east of the Racetrack Rd traffic light. The hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (dates listed below) by appointment only. Appointments' can be made by contacting the LCSW Customer Service Center at 239-533-8000 and your information will be placed on the list. The collection is for residential/condo owners only. Waste will not be accepted from home owner associations, foreclosure contractors or businesses.

October 11, 2017

January 10, 2018

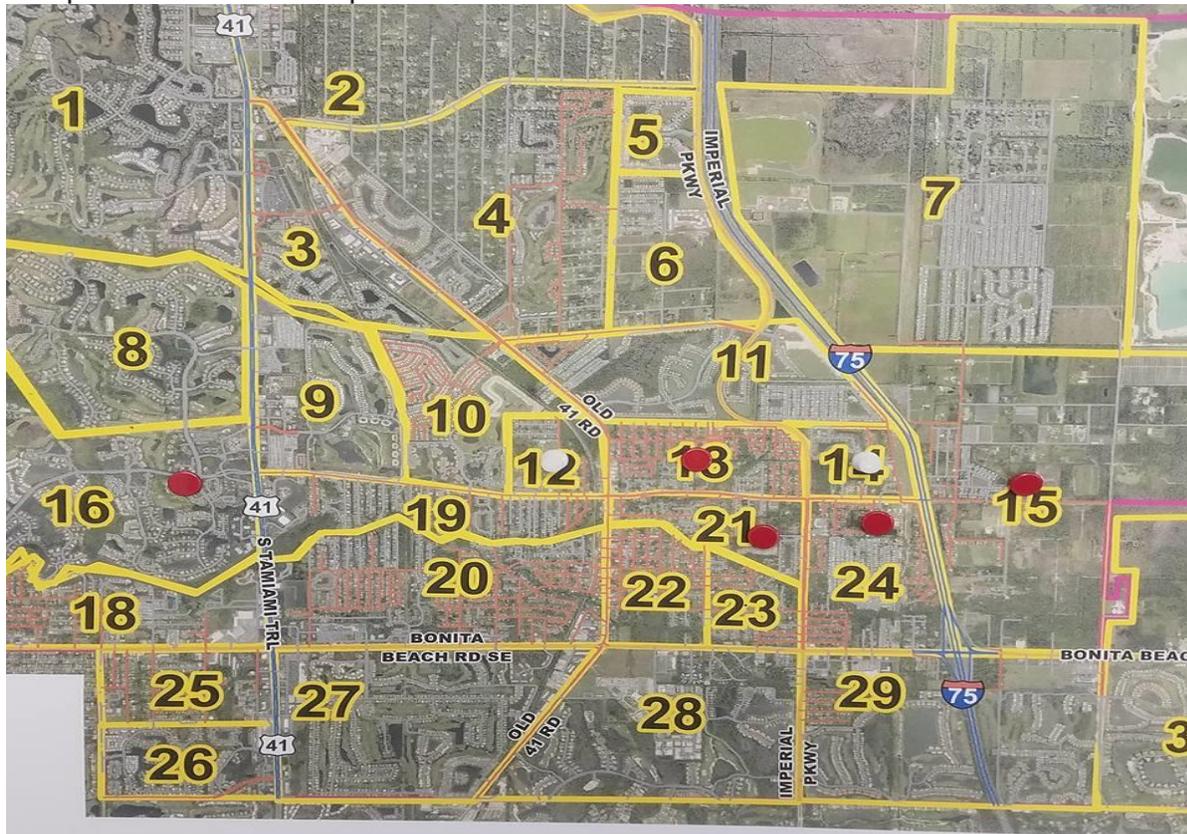
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Where are the trucks in Bonita Springs currently doing debris removal?

The photo below represents where the debris trucks are now and where they have completed the first sweep.



The red pins are where the debris trucks are currently. The white pins show where the first sweep has occurred. There will be a second sweep still to come. To date we have collected 26,615 cubic yards of horticultural debris. The City has four double trucks and three thirty yard trucks working today.

There are two doubles scheduled to arrive Tuesday October 4th. They are dedicated to pick up construction and demo debris in the flood damaged areas on the south side of Imperial River and north side of Bonita Beach Road. The area includes streets like Quinn, Pawley, McKenna, Tangerine, Pendleton, Chapman Dean, Kelly Drive, Orange Blossom, Lime St. Residents are likely to see the trucks in these areas Wednesday, October 4th through the end of the week.

In addition to the normally scheduled waste pick up, this past weekend, we worked with Advanced Disposal to pick up 1,080 cubic yards of waste in the Quinn St. area. Six trucks assisted on Saturday and Sunday in picking up waste.

The City of Bonita Springs has also been contacting gated communities to execute right of entry agreements so that the city may pick up storm debris within those communities. Businesses are required to make their own arrangements for debris clean up. Bonita Springs residents can bring sandbags to the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District located at 27701 *Bonita Grande Dr.*