

HURRICANE CLEAN UP - Separating Your Debris

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

NO PICKUP ZONE

Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.



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
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Other devices with a cord



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Check with your local government.

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HURRICANE CLEAN UP

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. 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.



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Prepare your property for storm season before June 1

- Cut back any trees or branches that contact your house, pool cage, shed or other buildings.
- Thin foliage so wind can blow freely through branches, decreasing chances the plant will become uprooted during a storm.
- Place trimmings at the curb on your regular collection day. Yard waste must be containerized in an extra yard waste container, paper lawn, leaf bag, or bundled. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.**

Charlotte County – Cans and bundles cannot weigh more than 40 lbs. each. Limbs cannot be more than 6

feet in length or 10 inches in diameter.

- Clean your property of any items that could become a projectile during a storm, such as old lumber, broken lawn furniture, etc., and place them at the curb on your regular waste collection day.

Once a storm has been named or a hurricane watch / warning has been issued:

- Do not cut down trees and do not do any major yard work. Mass cutting produces a burden on the normal collection process.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris unless absolutely necessary to protect life and property.
- Secure all debris and do not place materials of any kind at the curb during a Watch or Warning period.
- Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm. For information on the status of collection services and disposal facilities, residents should monitor local media or check the county government websites.
- **Please ensure that you GARBAGE and RECYCLING carts are SECURED to prevent loss during storm.**

After the storm has passed:

- Most important – keep storm debris separate from your regular household garbage and recycling.
- Storm debris should be sorted into separate piles for garbage, yard waste, appliances, furniture & other bulky waste, appliances and construction debris as shown in the diagram to the left. Check with your local government regarding set out of household hazardous waste.
- Pick up will generally be done with a mechanized claw truck so it's important that you not set debris over buried electric/phone lines, water meters, hydrants or mailboxes. Inspectors will tour each part of the county to determine where collection needs are greatest.
- Be patient. Following a storm, the No. 1 priority is the health and safety of our community and restoration of the county. When collection services resume, place garbage curbside away from storm-related debris on your regular collection service day.
- Debris collection guidance and recovery process updates will be available through local media and on county government websites.