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Lee County offers household yard waste cleanup tips post-Hurricane Idalia

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 30, 2023 – Lee County Solid Waste has reminders for residents who are cleaning up yards and households this Labor Day weekend, post-Hurricane Idalia.

Residents should not use black plastic bags for yard waste. Yard waste set-out should follow the county's ordinance, such as being sure it is tied, bundled or put in containers prior to being put curbside for collection.

Specifically, yard trimmings can be set out in waste cans, paper lawn and leaf bags, or tied with cotton string into bundles weighing 50 pounds or less and no longer than 6 feet. Palm fronds do not need to be tied if they are stacked neatly at the curb in piles weighing less than 50 pounds.

Also, fencing and ornamental wood borders are not yard waste. Please dispose of these items in the regular household garbage.

Curbside collection of household garbage continues this week on the regular collection schedule. Next week, due to the Labor Day holiday, collections will take place one day later than usual. For example, neighborhoods normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday. Please continue to use the normal garbage bin and place it curbside at least 3 feet from objects such as mailboxes.

Remember to place empty, clean and dry recyclables – glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, etc. – loose in the provided recycling bin. Information about what should put in your recycling bin and what you should keep out is available at www.leegov.com/solidwaste/recycling.

Household chemical waste, such as paint, rechargeable batteries or motor oil should be taken to the Household Chemical Waste and Electronics Recycling Center, which is located in south Fort Myers off Metro Parkway at 6441 Topaz Court. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The center is open one Saturday per month; this month it is 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 9.

Contractors are reminded of their responsibility regarding construction and demolition debris. If the project requires a permit, it will be subject to mandatory recycling regulations. Residents and businesses can find details at www.leegov.com/solidwaste/business/recycling/constructiondebris.

For Hurricane Idalia updates, visit www.leegov.com/storm or follow Lee County Government on Facebook, www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc. More Solid Waste information is available at www.leegov.com/solidwaste.