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Hurricane Irma debris guidelines

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 5, 2017 – Hurricane Irma will likely affect Lee County’s weather in the coming days. Garbage and recycling collections are one day later than usual this week, due to the Labor Day holiday, but will continue as scheduled until tropical storm force winds reach a sustained rate of 39 mph - provided there are no bridge or road closures.

Yard waste and debris must be prepared in accordance with county ordinance before it is set out for collection:

- Garbage must be placed in a 40-gallon can or heavy mil plastic bag each weighing no more than 50 pounds. If you have a larger county-provided container for automated garbage collection, you may use that as well.
- Yard waste that cannot be containerized must be tied in bundles no longer than 6 feet and no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Palm fronds may be stacked neatly at the curb in piles no heavier than 50 pounds. If more than 50 pounds, fronds must be tied in bundles no heavier than 50 pounds.

Remove anything outside your home that could become a projectile during a storm including your garbage cans, lids and recycle carts and store them inside.

After the storm, storm debris will be collected separately from your normal household trash and recycling.

Regular household collections will begin as regularly scheduled as soon as possible after the storm.

The Lee County Solid Waste Division is a nationally recognized enterprise system providing residents and businesses safe, affordable waste disposal and recycling services. The system utilizes an energy-from-waste combustion process to create clean, renewable energy and single-stream recycling for material recovery. For more information visit our website at leegov.com/solidwaste.