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Hurricane Irma cleanup – what you need to know

Hurricane Irma debris cleanup efforts are underway but will take weeks. As of today, residential trash collections include both garbage and recycling.

Disaster debris contractors are already on the road picking up brush and other horticultural debris in road rights-of-way. Debris cleanup trucks are arriving daily and starting work as soon as they are certified. Trucks already are working in the southern and eastern portions of the county where large amounts of horticulture debris lines the roadways.

Debris consolidation sites are up and running and the county is prepping others.

Unfortunately, due to the extent of damage throughout the county, it will take time to clear every street. Many Lee County streets have several tons of debris for disposal.

What can you do to help?

- Most importantly, get your debris to the curb for collection crews.
- Keep separate piles for yard debris, construction and demolition debris including furniture, appliances and electronics. See leegov.com/solidwaste for more information and a diagram of proper set out.
- Do not place bagged yard waste in your debris piles.
- It's important to know that mixed piles will not get collected.
- Empty refrigerators and freezers of spoiled food and place it in well-sealed bags with your regular garbage.
- Be patient. Your street will be cleared of debris.

There will be frequent updates regarding the location of debris crews. Please be sure to check media sources and the Lee County Solid Waste website regularly to ensure that debris is properly staged for collection at the curb.

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.