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**Garbage collection information for Pine Island and Fort Myers Beach**

*County launches real-time hurricane debris removal landing page*

Fort Myers, FL, (Oct. 11, 2022) – Garbage haulers this week are on Pine Island to collect household garbage and will begin collecting on Fort Myers Beach starting Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Because of impacts to the islands from Hurricane Ian, residents may see trash pickup later than their normal collection day. Island residents are asked to leave the trash at the side of the road. For public health and safety reasons, Solid Waste requests residents prioritize setting out kitchen trash and food waste. If able, refrain from setting out dry household garbage until the following week.

If you live on a road that is inaccessible to truck traffic, please bring garbage sealed in plastic bags to the closest accessible point. Crews will handle it from there.

Disaster debris is collected separately from household garbage by a specialized contractor.

More information is available at a newly created landing page, [www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/debris](http://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/debris), which includes a [link](#) to Lee County's real-time hurricane debris removal statistics, status update and map.

Get updates from Lee County government on Hurricane Ian by following @Lee County Government on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc](http://www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc). More information is available at [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm).

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Lee County Solid Waste reminders post-Hurricane Ian**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 8, 2022 – Lee County Solid Waste, its debris contractor and its contracted haulers are offering reminders related to household trash and debris pickup.

Residents' storm debris is collected by a different company than their regular household garbage.

Residents can help expedite cleanup in their neighborhoods by being aware of the following:

Storm debris:

- Create separate piles for vegetative debris, construction debris and appliances.
- Do not bag or put storm debris in containers.
- The contractor uses large claw trucks, so keep piles away from obstacles such as mailboxes, utility meters or overhead power lines.

Household garbage:

- For public health and safety reasons, for the week of Oct. 10 residents are asked to help place wet, rotting garbage at the curb. If you are able, refrain from setting out dry household garbage until the following week.
- Recycling collection is scheduled to resume the week of Oct. 17.
- Regular yard waste collection does not yet have a start date.

Important note:

The process of collecting both regular garbage and storm debris is expedited if residents use clear bags as much as possible so that the contents are visible to the debris contractor and regular hauler.

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