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Lee County reminds residents of closure of two Hurricane lan debris public drop-off sites

Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 19, 2022 – Lee County Solid Waste reminds residents that the remaining public drop-off sites for Hurricane Ian storm debris will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. Those two sites are:

- San Carlos Utility Site, 18078 Cypress Point Road, Fort Myers
- Shell Factory, 2805 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

The sites opened to residents less than a week after Hurricane Ian made landfall in Southwest Florida to allow free disposal to those who chose to self-haul storm debris. The county has been phasing out the drop-off sites as use has dwindled. The county announced in November the final closure dates.

Lee County first offered free disposal sites for residents following Hurricane Irma in 2017 – a move that was quickly embraced by the community. More than 14,000 residents used the sites to expedite debris removal from their property after Hurricane Ian.

Hurricane Ian left behind an estimated 10 million cubic yards of debris countywide, including debris in all six municipalities. If you live in a city, check with your municipality about debris-hauling schedules. Lee County's hurricane debris hauler will continue collections during the holidays using reduced staffing and will resume full staffing following New Year's weekend.

Learn more at <u>www.leegov.com/storm/debris</u>. To receive updates from Lee County Government, sign up for the newsletter here: <u>www.leegov.com/resources/newsletters</u>. Follow Lee County Government on Facebook, <u>www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc</u>.

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