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Lee County Solid Waste encourages residents to be aware of these post-Hurricane Helene collection tips

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 27, 2024 – Lee County Solid Waste encourages residents to be aware of steps they can take to help with collections now that Hurricane Helene has passed by.

Place debris in the right of way for collection. Crews will not enter private property to remove debris. Large, bulky items such as furniture and appliances can be placed at the curb next to your regular garbage. If an item does not fit in the regular collection truck, your hauler will notify the home office, and a separate collection truck will come out within two business days to pick it up.

With the weekend starting and many residents heading into their yards, residents are asked to put yard waste in containers or bundle it. It must be placed in a container that weighs 50 pounds or less. Or it can be placed into neatly stacked bundles not heavier than 50 pounds and no longer than 6 feet in length. Additionally, up to 50 pounds of unbundled palm fronds can be placed at the curb. Any excess palm fronds should be tied into bundles.

Please do not bag your debris. Set it out in separate piles: normal household trash, vegetation, construction and demolition, appliances and electronics. Do not set hazardous waste at the curb – please take it to the Household Chemical and Electronic Waste Facility, 6441 Topaz Court, Fort Myers.

For a more extensive list of where items go, download the Recycle Coach app. To find out more, go to www.solidwaste.com/recyclecoach

In other Solid Waste announcements, Captiva residents' collections will resume Monday, Sept. 30. Lee County has about 325 customers on Captiva.

For more information about Lee County Solid Waste, visit www.leegov.com/solidwaste.

The Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains activated and continues to coordinate the response post-Helene.

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