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Lee County reaches another Hurricane Ian milestone - 3 million cubic yards of debris collected

Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 15, 2022 – Lee County has reached a new milestone with 3 million cubic yards of debris collected – just 11 days after collecting the first 2 million cubic yards.

Crews, working at a rapid pace, collected on average more than 91,000 cubic yards of debris per day despite the need to briefly scale back operations due to Hurricane Nicole. There are currently 138 specialized debris trucks working continuously in Lee County each pulling a trailer to double collection capacity.

Debris collection is divided into phases based on the level of debris in each area. Phase one experienced the most severe impact from Ian and has the most debris. Phase two includes the areas with the second most storm debris followed by phases three and four. Crews are currently collecting in phases one and two and have cleared debris from 2,744 miles of Lee County roads. That's more than the distance from Lee County to Los Angeles.

Each neighborhood will receive at minimum a second pass for debris removal. Additional passes will be conducted as warranted, particularly in those neighborhoods that experienced both wind damage and severe flooding.

Residents can track debris collection progress at the county's debris removal information dashboard <https://lee-county-fl-debris-removal-thompsoncs.hub.arcgis.com/>.

For more information about how to stack your debris, visit www.leegov.com/storm/debris.

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