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More debris removal trucks arrive in Lee County

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 28, 2022 – Fifteen additional debris-collection trucks hit the road today, Oct. 28, to help speed Hurricane Ian recovery.

Each collection truck hauls a trailer that doubles its carrying capacity, and each has a grapple for loading. The new trucks increase the total number of trucks working in Lee County to 125, for a total of 250 debris-collection containers on the road.

These trucks are complemented by a fleet of 25 bucket trucks working throughout the county to remove dangerous hanging or leaning trees that pose a public-safety threat. To date, the bucket trucks have removed 479 dangerous trees and more than 9,000 dangerous hanging limbs.

Total storm debris collections now exceed 1.3 million cubic yards – a number that includes vegetative waste, construction and demolition material, dirty sand and titled property such as boats. Lee County's debris contractor, CrowderGulf, estimates that the first pass to remove hurricane debris in unincorporated Lee County will be completed within the next 30 days.

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/>.

To watch the most recent Lee Board of County Commissioners meeting on debris removal and to view the presentation materials, visit www.leegov.com/media and click on the Oct. 26 BoCC Special Workshop.

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