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**Preparing Hurricane Milton debris message for residential and gated communities**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 11, 2024 – Hurricane Milton recovery efforts are underway across Lee County, including gated communities.

The Lee Board of County Commissioners has requested FEMA to authorize collection of debris from gated communities in order to protect the health and safety of residents. FEMA regulations require that private or gated communities have a current Right of Entry and Indemnification form on file with Lee County before any disaster debris recovery crews are allowed to enter the community. Lee County has an easy online process for submitting the necessary paperwork.

Forms are available for communities located within unincorporated Lee County: [Click here to access the ROE Form](#). If you are unsure if your community has a current Right of Entry form on file, call your community association manager or homeowners association president call 239-533-8000.

What do residents of gated communities need to do?

- Get debris to the curb for collection crews.
- Do not collect and consolidate debris in common areas; it may not be eligible for collection unless it remains in front of your home.
- Keep separate piles for yard debris, construction and demolition debris including furniture, appliances and electronics. See [www.leegov.com/solidwaste](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste) or [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm) for more information and a diagram of proper set out.
- Do not place bagged yard waste in your debris piles.
- It's important to know that the contractor will not collect mixed piles and black-bagged debris.
- Be patient.

Remember, all work done in unincorporated Lee County to repair a storm-damaged structure requires a permit from the Lee County Department of Community Development. Email: [FIRMinfo@leegov.com](mailto:FIRMinfo@leegov.com).

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