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Hurricane Irma Clean Up Guidelines

FORT MYERS, FL (Sept. 13, 2017) – As the County's debris removal contractors mobilize to our area, the process of residents setting out debris for collection will begin. Please use the following guidelines to ensure that debris can be removed from your residential property in the most timely and efficient manner. Businesses need to contact their insurer regarding property damage and clean up.

- Most Important – Storm debris should be placed at the curb and not in the roadway. Placing debris in the roadway creates a hazard for traffic and emergency responders.
- Storm debris will be collected separately from your normal household trash and recycling so please keep it in separate piles.
- Regular household garbage collections have begun and will continue to proceed on the regularly scheduled collection days. Recycling and yard waste are suspended and will resume at a later date.
- The Solid Waste Division's storm debris crews may require several passes to collect all debris depending on the severity of the impact in your area. Please monitor the news and the SWD website at [leegov.com/solid waste](http://leegov.com/solid-waste) for detailed collection information for your specific area.
- Place debris at the curb in separate piles: garbage, yard waste, building debris, appliances, and other wastes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires documentation of the volume and type of debris collected to reimburse the county for storm clean up.
- Do not set household chemicals at the curb – those need to be taken to the Topaz Court Solid Waste Annex at 6441 Topaz Ct. Fort Myers, FL 33966. Mixing chemicals with your other debris creates a fire hazard.
- For the safety of the collection crews, do not place anything beneath low hanging obstacles like trees or power lines or near water meters, fire hydrants, mail boxes, and especially downed power lines.

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