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Lee County updates residents on Hurricane Milton debris cleanup efforts

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 15, 2024 – Debris collection from Hurricane Milton is underway, and the county's disaster debris contractor currently has multiple trucks with loadable trailers on the road.

The first pass to pick up debris began Monday and covered areas of unincorporated Lee County, including North Fort Myers, the Greater Pine Island-Matlacha area and areas along the Caloosahatchee to Olga. Today, the county's contractor will be in Island Park in south Fort Myers as well.

Lee County would like to remind residents:

- Separate your waste into three piles - vegetative debris, construction debris and appliances. Please remove any food from appliances and secure or remove doors before setting curbside. Debris should not be placed in black bags – instead, stack in neat piles or containerize your material.
- Household chemical waste (HCW) should not be set at the curb. Take these materials to the permanent HCW drop-off facility at 6441 Topaz Ct., Fort Myers. Lee County's mobile HCW truck will be located at Phillips Park on Pine Island from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, for easy resident drop-off.
- Normal garbage collection has resumed and takes place on your regular collection day. The focus this week is to remove wet trash and spoiled food.
- Recycling and yard waste collection are currently suspended. Lee County will announce when regular collections resume by the end of this week.
- Lee County has four public drop-off sites available to residents who would like to self-haul debris or yard waste rather than wait for curbside pickup:
 - 5031 Pine Island Rd., Bokeelia, FL 33922
 - 50 South Rd., Fort Myers, FL 33907
 - 18078 Cypress Point Rd., San Carlos Park, FL 33967
 - 13801 Orange River Blvd., Buckingham, FL 33905

For more detailed information about self-haul or waste disposal after natural disasters, visit Lee County Solid Waste's website here: www.leegov.com/storm.

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