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**Deadline nears for personal and commercial property owners using state program;
Lee County offers reminders about Solid Waste collection**

Fort Myers, FL, March 16, 2023 – Lee County reminds residents that the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will continue to take applications for removal of storm debris from private property at iandebriscleanup.com until March 29.

Qualifying debris includes lost and displaced vehicles, vessels and other titled property from waterways and private and commercial sites impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Property owners who have submitted an application already with qualifying debris removal prior to March 29 will still have their parcels processed; no on-going work on parcels will be affected by the deadline.

Visit the website or call 850-961-2002 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Assistance is available in English and Spanish.

Lee County would like to thank residents for their efforts as Hurricane Ian debris collection wraps up.

Lee County Solid Waste asks residents to follow guidelines with their regular service, which allows for unlimited collections.

In all areas of unincorporated Lee County, City of Bonita Springs, Village of Estero and Town of Fort Myers Beach, residents have access to unlimited quantities of in-compliance household garbage, recycling and yard waste collection weekly.

Household Garbage

All household garbage placed in a container will be collected, including up to two car tires per week.

Recyclables

Unlimited quantities of loosely containerized recyclables that are empty, clean and dry will be collected. Program recyclables include paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, plastic containers #1-7 and cardboard. Residents can find more details at www.leegov.com/solidwaste/recycling/yes.

Vegetative waste

Haulers will collect unlimited quantities of vegetation each week that follow these standards:

- First 50 pounds of palm fronds neatly stacked
- Remaining branches or fronds tied into bundles 6 feet or shorter in length and 50 pounds or less per bundle
- Loose vegetative waste can be placed in a container weighing 50 pounds or less per container with a weather-tight lid and handles, or paper lawn and leaf bags

Bulky waste

Residents can set bulky waste such as furniture and appliances curbside next to the regular garbage. If the item will not fit in the regular truck or needs a separate collection, the hauler will schedule a different truck to come out within three business days.

Construction and Demolition waste

If a project does not require a permit, place the material in containers with curbside garbage, up to 2 cubic yards per week and 50 pounds per container if collection is not automated. Cut carpet down to 6 foot lengths and roll it up in sections weighing 50 pounds or less. If a project does require a permit, it may be subject to mandatory recycling regulations. Residents and businesses can find more information at www.leegov.com/solidwaste/business/recycling/constructiondebris.

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