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Lee County sand cleanup operations on main roads in Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs to pause temporarily to focus on debris cleanup

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 31, 2024 – Residents who live along Estero Boulevard and Hickory Boulevard are asked to stop placing sand in the right of way as of today while Lee County’s debris removal contractor shifts focus to residential debris cleanup on Friday, Nov. 1.

The county plans to return to make a final pass for sand placed in the right of way once residential debris is removed from the two main county roads – Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach and Hickory Boulevard in Bonita Springs. The county will announce a date for a final pass for sand collection in November.

Residents of Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs, who do not live along Estero Boulevard or Hickory Boulevard, are advised to reach out to their local city hall for any debris collection questions. For the Town of Fort Myers Beach, visit www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov. For the City of Bonita Springs, visit www.cityofbonitasprings.org.

Sand removal operations in Boca Grande are expected to continue during this time.

Captiva residents can expect sand removal operations to begin next week.

- If you live in an area where sand is still being collected, be sure to place sand correctly to ensure crews are able to expedite pickup: Place sand along the right-of-way.
- Do not place sand on top of the curb or in the roadway.
- Separate sand away from other debris piles.

Residents with questions can call Lee County Solid Waste customer service at 239-533-8000. Additional information is available at www.leegov.com/storm.

Commercial property owners of sites such as industrial parks, golf courses, cemeteries, apartments, condominiums and trailer parks are reminded that Lee County is not responsible for collecting their storm debris. Per FEMA, those property owners are expected to work with their insurance providers to cover the cost of debris removal.

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