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The City of Bonita Springs has initiated the recovery process following Hurricane Milton. Debris pickup is underway.

**Bonita Springs, October 11th, 2024** – Bonita Springs, FL – The City of Bonita Springs has initiated the recovery process following Hurricane Milton. City residents, who can safely do so, are asked to place any storm-generated debris on the public right-of-way. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement.

Residents are urged to separate the debris as follows:

- **VEGETATIVE DEBRIS** (whole trees, tree stumps, tree branches, tree trunks and other leafy material)
- **CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS** (damaged components of buildings and structures such as lumber and wood, wall board, glass, metal, roofing materials, tile, furnishings, and fixtures)
- **APPLIANCES WHITE GOODS** (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers and water heaters)
- **ELECTRONIC WASTE** (computers, televisions, office electronic equipment, etc.)
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** (materials that are ignitable, reactive, toxic or corrosive such as paints, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)

# Hurricane Clean Up - Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

**NO PICKUP ZONE**  
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

**DEBRIS SEPARATION**  
Separate debris into the six categories shown.

**DO NOT STACK OR LEAN**  
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

**UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?**  
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

**Normal Household Trash**  
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

**VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**  
• Logs  
• Plants  
• Tree branches  
• Leaves (do not put in bags) \* If you have a lot of leaves and small twigs in plastic bags, please set those aside from any brush piles. ▼  
\* The brush will be ground into mulch, so plastic must be avoided.

**CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS**  
• Building materials  
• Carpet  
• Drywall  
• Furniture  
• Lumber  
• Mattresses  
• Plumbing

**APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS**  
• Air conditioners  
• Dishwashers  
• Freezers  
• Refrigerators  
• Stoves  
• Washers, dryers  
• Water heaters

**ELECTRONICS**  
• Computers  
• Radios  
• Stereos  
• Televisions  
• Other devices with a cord

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
Please, no chemicals at the curb. They can create a fire hazard.  
**Please take them to:**  
6441 Topaz Ct.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HURRICANE CLEAN UP**

**What is the difference between storm-related debris and regular household trash?**  
Storm debris includes any trees, tree limbs and shrubs that went down in the hurricane. Regular household trash is what you would throw away in a typical week.

**When will the storm debris be collected from my curb and what should I do to prepare?**  
There is no schedule for when storm debris will be collected from your neighborhood, but be assured that it will. Cleanup efforts take time.

**When will my regular household collections resume?**  
Regular collections of garbage, recycling and your normal weekly yard waste resume as soon as it is safe for collection crews to do so.

**Only loose debris will be collected, bagged debris should not be placed on the public right-of-way.** Make every attempt to avoid stacking debris below low hanging power or utility lines.

**Do not place debris within four feet of:**

- MAILBOXES
- WATER METERS
- FIRE HYDRANTS
- ANY OTHER ABOVE-GROUND UTILITY

Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection until further notice.

If all debris is not picked up during the initial pass, please continue to push the remaining debris to the right-of-way for collection on subsequent passes.

Visit the City of Bonita Springs [Website](#) for post-storm Information.