



RESIDENT GUIDE TO DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL

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HURRICANE EDITION

BEFORE A HURRICANE

Do:

- ✓ Use your next bulk waste collection day to get rid of unwanted items.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubbery regularly. Cut weak branches and thin out foliage. This decreases the chance that plants will be uprooted.
- ✓ Refresh your supply of heavy-duty plastic garbage bags for household garbage.

Don't:

- X Trim trees once a hurricane watch or warning is announced.
- X Put recycling and bulk waste items at the curb during a watch or warning. Materials will not be collected due to the haulers having to prepare for the upcoming storm.
- X Take bulk waste items to the Residential Drop-Off Center during a watch or warning as facilities will be temporarily closed.

For information about hurricane preparation, visit Broward.org/hurricane or call 954-765-4999.

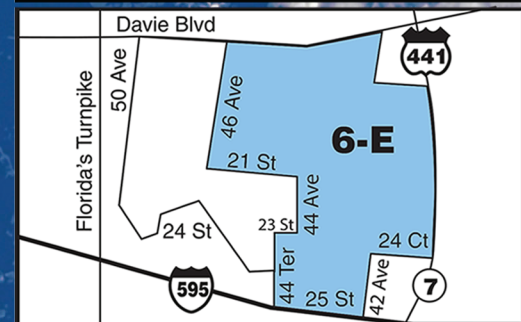
AFTER A HURRICANE

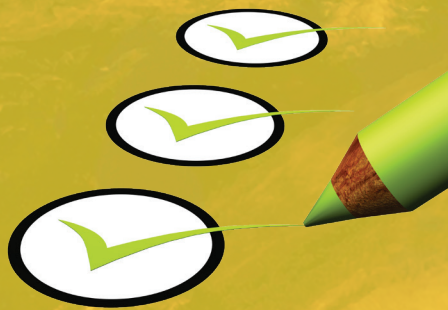
Do:

- ✓ Watch the news for information regarding the reinstatement of garbage and recycling services.
- ✓ Understand that all services will resume as soon as possible after an emergency, although it may be several weeks before bulk waste collections are reinstated and hurricane debris is removed. The first priority will be to remove hurricane debris prior to reinstating bulk waste collection.
- ✓ Keep waste separated at the curb for easier collection (household garbage, tree trimmings, and miscellaneous debris and trash). Refer to chart on the back.
- ✓ Cut all tree limbs into sections of 4 feet in length and 50 pounds or less and stack neatly at the curb.
- ✓ Place all debris curbside. (Collection contractors can only pick up debris from the curb.) It may take several weeks to clear debris, even in the event of a weaker hurricane such as a Category 1.
- ✓ If your utility or phone/cable provider cuts down branches or trees in your yard, it is your responsibility to properly prepare the debris for collection as indicated above.

Don't:

- X Use paper bags or cardboard boxes for putting out household garbage.
- X Rely on County personnel and collection contractors to remove debris from locations other than curbsides or public roadways.
- X Risk property damage or personal injury by placing debris near a fence, mailbox, poles or on top of power line equipment.
- X Place garbage and recycling at the curb until an announcement has been made that these services have resumed.
- X Place items in front of vacant lots—they won't be collected.





Frequently Asked Questions

1 When will normal collections resume?

Watch the local news or check our website at Broward.org for information regarding the reinstatement of normal garbage and recycling services.

2 Why separate hurricane debris into separate piles?

It is important to keep your storm debris in separate piles. Have one pile for vegetative debris, one pile for bulk waste and one pile for appliances. Each type of debris material may be disposed of in a different manner.

3 What can I do with excess garbage after a hurricane?

Excess garbage should be disposed of in black bags and placed curbside in a separate pile. DO NOT mix black bags with your bulk waste or vegetative debris pile - it will not be collected.

CONTACT US

Find answers to all of your questions about garbage and recycling.

Call 954-847-BMSD (2673) or 954-765-4999 for up-to-date recorded messages or visit Broward.org/waste

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Remember to look for the Hurricane Signs

Broward County's Solid Waste and Recycling Services has created special hurricane signs that will be placed throughout your community whenever there is a hurricane event that results in the need for debris collection. The new signage will help us keep you informed about the preparations you need to make to ensure your hurricane debris is collected in a timely manner.

Separate Your Hurricane Debris!

After the hurricane, there may be multiple waste removal collections to pick up debris in your neighborhood. Because each truck can only pick up a specific type of waste per collection, it is very important that your debris is sorted into separate piles (bulk waste, vegetative debris, household garbage, etc.) before it is placed at the curb. Waste that is not properly separated may not be collected.

Once your debris has been sorted, place it on the swale or curb and make sure it can be easily accessed by the claw trucks. Debris will not be collected if stacked against trees, poles, fences, etc.

To learn more about how to prepare your hurricane debris, refer to "Your Cleanup After the Storm" section of this newsletter.



Do NOT place the following hazardous materials at the curb:

- Aerosol products
- Ammonia
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Auto fluids
- Auto batteries
- Bleach
- Bug spray
- Charcoal starter
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)
- Cooking Oil
- Drain cleaner
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks
- Flares
- Fluorescent tubes
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Lawn chemicals
- Lighter fluid
- Marine batteries
- Marine fluids
- Mercury thermometers
- Motor oil
- Paint
- Paint stripper
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- Rust remover
- Solvents
- Tires
- Varnish
- Weed killer
- Wood stain



YOUR CLEANUP AFTER THE STORM

A residential guide for post-storm debris collections

Keep it Manageable

Follow these guidelines when putting out your debris for a speedier clean-up. Place all debris and carts at the curb separated and in a neat pile for collection, as shown below.

Do NOT Stack Debris

Avoid stacking against trees, poles, fences, fire hydrants, mailbox, downed wires or storm drains.

Place Debris on Swale

Debris not placed on swale or at the curb will not be collected. Do not place debris on the sidewalk or in the street.

Do NOT Place Hazardous Waste on Swale

These items will NOT be collected.



Regular Household Garbage/Recyclables

Place regular household garbage in green cart. Place recyclable materials in blue cart. Place carts at the curb for collection.

NOTE: Announcement will be made when these services have resumed.

Bulk Waste/Structural Debris

- Building Material
- Plumbing
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Mattresses

Vegetative Debris

- Logs
- Shrubs
- Stumps
- Palm Fronds
- Tree Branches

Appliances

- Refrigerators/Freezers (emptied and all doors removed or secured)
- Air Conditioners
- Washers/Dryers
- Water Heaters
- Dishwashers
- Stoves

Electronics

NOTE: Take to Residential Drop-Off Center

- Printers
- Stereos
- Televisions
- Computers
- Telephones
- DVD Players
- Other Devices

Household Hazardous Waste

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- Tires
- Batteries
- Motor Oil
- Pesticides
- Propane Tanks
- Paints/Solvents
- Lawn Chemicals

For more information, please visit Broward.org/recycling



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