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County Announces Hurricane Debris Removal Operations Near Completion, Urges Residents to Stop Placing Debris at Curb

Beaufort County advises residents to immediately **STOP** placing storm-generated debris at rights-of-way. The County's debris monitoring firm has inventoried all remaining debris for pickup by contractors. Any storm-generated debris that was not placed at the right-of-way prior to inventory must be properly removed and disposed of by the property owner.

The third and final pass began in most of Beaufort County on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Contractors will continue to pick up only debris identified at the time of inventory to complete the third pass in the identified areas. Debris placed at the right-of-way after the completion of the third pass in any area is prohibited by FEMA regulations and federal law.

"We want to thank all residents who followed the FEMA-issued guidelines when placing debris at the curb to help expedite the process," said Jim Minor, Beaufort County Solid Waste Director. "I am proud of the work by our contractors and residents so far. We want to ensure that we continue to follow guidelines through the completion of operations."

The County encourages all residents to review [debris-removal guidelines](#) as operations come to a close.

"We are aware that some residents are continuing to bring debris to the curb, some of which appears to be green and freshly cut. All residents should be advised this debris should not be placed at the curb and will not be picked up by our contractors."

The County's debris removal contractor has removed nearly 1.5 million cubic yards of debris from public and private roads and rights-of-way throughout the County. Marine debris removal operation plans are being developed to address the issue and the County will keep residents informed of the progress.

Debris removal by County contractors is limited by federal law. Leaves and small limbs should be disposed of in the same way yard waste is normally disposed. Small amounts of Class 2 debris may be disposed of at County Convenience Centers. Waste types are classified in the following categories:

- Class 1 waste - small limbs, leaves and landscape trimmings.
- Class 2 waste - building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, mattresses and plumbing.

The City of Beaufort collects Class 1 waste at the curb as part of their waste service, for residents who live within Beaufort city limits.

All Beaufort County residents are encouraged to visit the [Beaufort County Disaster Recovery website](#) for more information related to the County's Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts.