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Unincorporated Lee County surpasses 200,000 cubic yards of collected debris post-Milton

Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 25, 2024 – Lee County has announced it has surpassed the 200,000 cubic-yards-collected milestone for vegetative and construction debris in unincorporated areas post-Hurricane Milton. During the weekend, the county reached more than 211,000 cubic yards collected.

Vegetative and construction debris operations are expected to continue with crews working seven days a week until their final push. No date is yet announced for the final push. Sand collections along the coastline are mostly complete while crews continue to collect sand in Boca Grande.

Lee County Government commends residents in unincorporated areas who have placed their debris to the curb in separate piles. Because of residents' efforts, contracted debris haulers have worked efficiently to clean up storm debris from the right-of-way.

Lee County is committed to transparency with the public about cleanup efforts and has information readily available online. Visit www.leegov.com/hurricane/milton/debris. Or go to the Debris Removal Information Dashboard at: <https://lee-county-debris-removal-3-thompsoncs.hub.arcgis.com/>

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

Please note that condominiums, apartments complexes and trailer parks are considered commercial property and will only receive one pass for debris collection in unincorporated Lee County. County officials, in partnership with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), recently received a waiver from FEMA that allows the county's hauler to complete one pass for commercial debris placed at the right of way. Additionally:

- Commercial collection has begun and may take up to several weeks to complete.
- Any additional debris placed in front of condominiums, apartments and trailer parks after the county's hauler completes its single collection will not be picked up by the county after the one pass.
- All gated communities must have a Right of Entry (ROE) and Indemnification form filed with the county to allow the county's contractor to access their gated property.

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