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Re: Update to Debris Removal Assistance

Debris Removal Information

Under FEMA guidelines our Debris Collection Contract remains active on the Island and our Contractor is still working hard to complete the first pass of collection. The volume of debris continues to grow and the timeline for completing the first pass is extended for at least another week. If you missed the first pass that is not a problem, there will be additional collection passes. At this point we expect the entire process to go on for all of October.

The reason we are using FEMA guidelines for debris collection is to comply with Federal, State and Local contracting and procedural processes for cost reimbursement. By following the guidelines, FEMA will reimburse the City 75% and the State will reimburse the City 12.5% leaving the City to fund only 12.5% of the clean-up and damage repair costs. Last year after Hurricane Hermine, the City submitted over \$625,000 for reimbursement. So far for Hurricane Irma we are looking at similar numbers. Unfortunately, the process is not as fast as it could be but by following the rules the City will be in a much more favorable financial situation in the end.

If you have already placed debris at the curb for pick up in plastic bags or other containers that is okay. That debris will be collected by City Staff. The debris collection contractor will not collect plastic bags or empty out containers. We are using the parking lot at Egan Park to stage the debris for eventual removal off the Island.

We cannot enter private property so all debris must be taken to the curb. Where possible, bring the debris to the street, not an alley. The contractor uses a very large truck with a clamshell for collection. Do not place debris under low hanging wires or near fire hydrants, telephone poles, mail boxes or any other structure.

Structural damage debris such as awnings, shutters, roof shingles and such will be picked up but not in the first pass. Please separate structural debris separate from the vegetation. There was no flooding associated with this storm so the contractor will not pick up any debris other than vegetation and obvious structural damage material.

No hazardous waste, household waste, construction debris, glass, electronics or appliances will be picked up by the debris contractor. Those items should be disposed of in the normal manner. Household waste collection has returned to normal service. If you have any questions about household waste collection please call your waste collection contractor customer service at (727)572-6800.

Respectfully,

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