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First pass debris removal complete for unincorporated Flagler County

November 16, 2016 – Flagler County is expecting to complete its first pass of debris removal throughout the unincorporated areas of the county by the close of business Friday.

The county’s contractor, Crowder Gulf, began removing debris left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew on October 10. Currently efforts are being concentrated in the Town of Beverly Beach, which will be cleared of its debris by Friday.

“We know this has been a long process for residents,” Flagler County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “Everyone has been working full bore to get this taken care of, and we appreciate everybody’s patience.”

The latest tally from Tetra-Tech indicates that 82,284 cubic yards of vegetative debris has been collected in the unincorporated areas of Flagler County, as well as 11,160 individual “hangars” and 240 “leaners” in the category of “hazardous trees and limbs.” Additionally, 3,040 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris has been removed.

A second pass of the public roadways in unincorporated Flagler County begins Monday, though crews will not work Thursday or Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Residents living on private roadways and in private communities will have to make arrangements through their Homeowners Associations and related HOA insurance for any additional debris collection from this point forward.

“People who live in private subdivisions should return to normal trash pick-up rules,” said Steve Garten, Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager.

Residents living on public roadways in unincorporated Flagler County may continue to put storm-related debris in the public right-of-way that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents are reminded that storm-related vegetative debris should be separated from construction and demolition debris. Also, they should not place debris near water meter vaults, fire hydrants, telephone pedestals, or any other aboveground utility.

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