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County expands debris pickup in Unincorporated Flagler County

September 21, 2017 – A single pass for vegetative debris pickup in the unincorporated areas of Flagler County will begin Thursday, September 21. County trucks will begin the debris removal process and will be later joined by the debris contractor Crowder Gulf which has delayed their start until the following Tuesday.

After evaluating vegetative debris on non-public maintained roads, the County had determined that valid public purposes existing under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements warrant this debris removal. The County has requested a FEMA debris specialist for this specific purpose and will be seeking the required pre-approvals through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FEMA.

“We believe adding these additional areas is the safest decision for our residents and the right thing to do,” Commission Chair Nate McLaughlin said. “It will also allow our community to recover quicker as a whole from our second major hurricane in the last 12 months."

For non-publically maintained roads, the County will be following the same process it followed in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, which will require legal right of entry forms from the homeowners associations (HOA’s) and, in non-HOA areas, from the individual homeowners. We ask that these non-public roadway areas be proactive in helping complete the forms, which provide the County and its contractor the legal authority to enter into private roadways and are necessary for FEMA reimbursement.

Right of entry agreements will be sent to the HOA liaisons on record from Hurricane Matthew unless the County receives a new contact. Any HOA with non-public streets may contact Michael Esposito at 386-313-4040 or by email at mesposito@flaglercounty.org with a subject of “HOA debris agreement”. The form will be available on the County website later today. Without these right of entry agreements for debris removal, the County will not be able to pick up any debris at your location.
To streamline the process in the future, the right of entry agreement will allow debris pickup in response to a declared emergency for a tornado, hurricane, or flood event—If the HOA requests such assistance and the County determines the debris cleanup is warranted under the standards of the County ordinance.

“With these additional areas included, we now expect debris removal to take slightly longer, potentially 60 to 90 days” said Faith Alkhatib, County Engineer. The debris removal will be done in by zones in the following order generally from north to south and will begin with vegetative debris only.

Zone 1 – East of Interstate 95, north of State Road 100
Zone 2 – East of Interstate 95, south of State Road 100
Zone 3 – West of U.S. 1

Debris for non-publically maintained roadways will also occur by the zones above, but will be timed based on the County obtaining signed right of entry agreements and any required pre-authorization from the state and FEMA. Only debris generated during Hurricane Irma will be collected, whether along public or private roadways.

There will be a second pass made only for the flooded areas of unincorporated Flagler County to collect construction and demolition (C&D) debris, to include drywall, lumber, carpet furniture and plumbing and white goods, such as refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers, washer/dryers and air conditioners. Further information will be provided about this pickup at a later date.

Debris should be separated by category.
Do not mix vegetative debris with other items or it will NOT be collected.
Do NOT bag debris.
Regular household garbage should also be separated.
The debris should be placed immediately adjacent to the right-of-way where it will be collected.

Household hazardous waste and electronics will not be picked up curbside and should be brought to the drop-off center located at 1700 South Old Kings Road. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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