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Help Flagler County catch illegal dumpers

November 7, 2017 – Any new debris placed in the right of way in unincorporated Flagler County will be considered illegal dumping, as the final debris pickup is complete.

No new debris will be collected, and property owners should make their own arrangements to have material that exceeds normal household garbage removed. Waste Pro is following its regular schedule and guidelines, which are available for review at www.flaglercounty.org/trash_guidelines.

Penalties for illegal dumping can include fines, drivers license points, and prosecution with the possibility of restitution.

“Our staff, contractors and monitors have witnessed some dumping on State Road A1A by private landscaping and tree removal contractors,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. “They know better. This is not permissible by law, and it prevents us from getting the work done.”

Florida Statutes prohibit activities in the public right of ways that “interferes with the safe and efficient movement of people and property from place to place” and endangers health, safety and general welfare of the public. It is a misdemeanor offense to litter on any public highway. Drivers who dump more than 15 pounds, or 27 cubic feet, – can get three (3) points on their drivers licenses.

Additionally, Flagler County Code prohibits dumping debris in the public right of way and offenses are punishable by up to $500 fines.

Flagler County is asking residents to get involved by taking pictures of those who are illegally dumping, their vehicles, their tag numbers and any company logos. Reports of illegal dumping can be made to the Flagler County Code Enforcement at reportdumping@flaglercounty.org.

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office will also be on the lookout for violators.
“This is even more important now that storm debris pickup is complete,” said County Administrator Craig Coffey. “Removing storm debris is helpful too residents recovering from Hurricane Irma. Unfortunately, others have chosen to take advantage of the situation by putting out material unrelated to the storm.”

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