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Korona Tornado debris pickup from Flagler County right of way areas today through Friday

December 16, 2019 – Flagler County’s Public Works Department will pick up debris from the Korona Tornado in public right of way areas starting today – Monday – and is expected to complete the effort by Friday.

“This is a public safety issue along our roadways,” said County Engineer Faith Alkhatib. “We have estimated there is 10,000 cubic yards of debris, mostly downed trees, that need to be removed from the county right of ways.”

The work will begin in Korona moving east to John Anderson Highway.

According to the National Weather Service, the tornado became an EF1, with winds as high as 110 mph, as it crossed U.S. 1 immediately north of Old Dixie Highway about 5:30 a.m. It remained an EF1 as it continued east northeast over John Anderson Highway, but weakened to EF0 – 65 to 85 mph winds – as it crossed the Intracoastal Waterway.

Hundreds of trees were downed in to tornado’s path. One home sustained major, uninhabitable damage. A few other homes received minor damages, but are habitable. Multiple homes in the tornado’s pathway had cosmetic damages.

Affected areas include: Trojan Way, Deer Run and Falling Waters, Fairchild Oaks, southern Seminole Woods, Plantation Oaks, Fairfield Oaks, John Anderson, and the Gamble Rogers Park area of Flagler Beach.

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