

# *Hardee County Emergency Management*

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### **AVOID DRIVING AROUND THE COUNTY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**

#### **Debris Removal**

Hardee County's Debris Removal Contractors arrived at the EOC late this afternoon to begin assessing the debris situation throughout the County. Pick up of Hurricane Irma debris is anticipated to begin as early as Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We stress that residents should get as much storm debris to the curb this weekend. It is our hope that the debris haulers can pick up the majority of the storm debris on the first "pass" through the County. Vegetative debris should be kept separate from construction type debris.

Jill Newman, Emergency Management Director is asking residents with debris that needs to be collected to be patient with the collection process and follow instructions for how and where to place their debris.

Residents of impacted areas are asked to place any storm-generated debris **on public right-of-way** for collection if they are safely able to do so. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole, or easement.

Residents are urged to separate the debris as follows:

- **Construction and demolition debris** (damaged components of buildings and structures such as lumber and wood, wall board, glass, metal, roofing materials, tile, furnishings, and fixtures)

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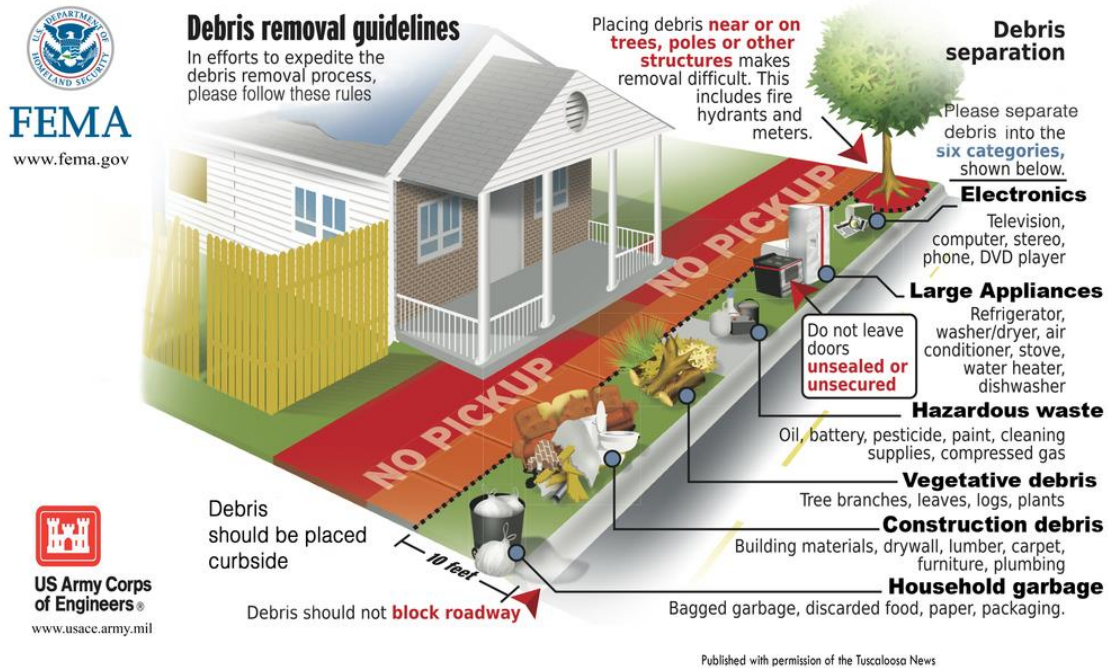
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- **Household hazardous waste** (materials that are ignitable, reactive, toxic or corrosive such as paints, cleaners, pesticides, etc)
- **White goods** (refrigerators, freezers, air conditions, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers, and water heaters)
- **Electronic waste** (computers, televisions, office electronic equipment, etc.)
- **Vegetative debris** (tree branches/limbs, other leafy material.
- **Stumps** DO NOT move stumps to right-of-way from private property.

Do not place debris near a water meter vault, fire hydrant, or any other aboveground utility.



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