

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who will collect my storm debris?

A: The county will use a private contractor to collect storm debris placed at the curb. Other arrangements may be required for collecting storm debris from gated communities and private roads.

Q: Why do I need to separate my yard trash and bulky waste?



Separate yard trash and household garbage.

A: State laws prohibit disposal of yard trash in a lined landfill. Separate to ensure waste is collected and complies with state laws regarding solid waste disposal.

Q: What do I do with Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

A: Once roads are clear, take household hazardous waste to the Apalachee Collection Center at 7550 Apalachee Parkways or one of the Rural Waste Service Centers. Find all locations at www.leoncountyfl.gov/SolidWaste/ruralsites.asp.

Q: How can I help?

A: Please be patient. Schedules may be disrupted. Public announcements will be issued regarding schedule changes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Leon County Solid Waste Management: 606-1800

Waste Management, Inc.: 574-3000

City of Tallahassee Utilities: 891-4968

Leon County Division of Emergency Management:
488-5921

American Red Cross (local): 878-6080

LEON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Public Works Department
Solid Waste Division
7550 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

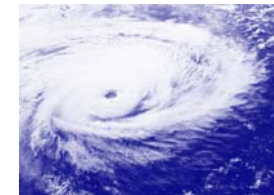
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Waste Disposal Guidelines for Hurricane Season

Help keep your neighborhood clean by following these guidelines for handling waste before, during and after hurricane season. By following the information in this guide, curbside waste will be handled more efficiently.



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MINIMIZE RISKS POSED BY A STORM

BEFORE Hurricane Season

Some preventive maintenance can be done that will go a long way toward protecting property and reducing waste generated during hurricane season if Leon County is hit by a storm.

- Cut back all trees and branches that contact buildings.
- Thin out foliage and trees so wind can flow through the branches, decreasing the chances of uprooting during heavy winds.



Protect your property by trimming tree branches BEFORE a storm.

- Place tree trimmings at the curb following the normal rules for yard trash on your scheduled pickup day. (Brush is limited to MAX 6 ft. in length and 4 inches in diameter. Bag up leaves and grass—or leave on lawn for “grasscycling”.)

- Clear your yard of any items that could become airborne and cause further damage, such as old lumber, lawn furniture, toys, etc. Place them at the curb on your regular “bulky waste” day for pick-up.

DURING an active storm

They have named a storm! Once the weather service has named a storm or identified the possibility that Leon County could be in the path, the following steps should be taken to minimize waste production.

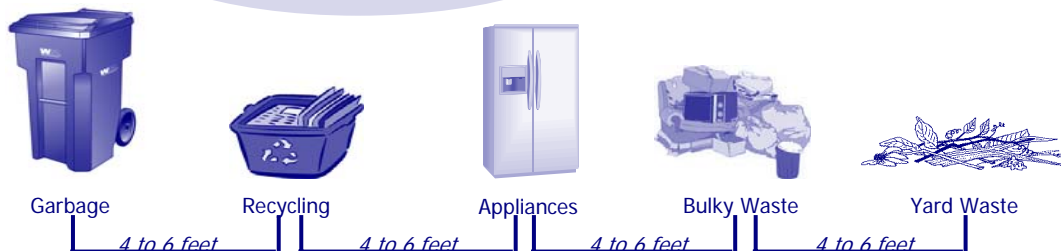
- Do not place materials at the curb or bring waste to the landfill during a watch or warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities may close early to prepare for the storm.
- Do not cut down any trees or start major work.
- Do not begin construction projects that could produce debris.
- Once a watch or warning has been issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind.
- Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the normal collection process and there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material before the storm makes landfall. Property and people can be put in harms way.

AFTER the storm is over

The storm is over. When are you going to pick up my refuse?

Please be patient after the storm has passed. We will work hard to ensure everything is picked up in a timely manner. Depending on the severity of the storm, this may take more time than normal. Follow these simple steps after a storm:

- Separate your waste into the following categories: household garbage, recycling, appliances, bulky waste and yard trash. Leave 4’-6’ of space between piles.
- Secure all household garbage in your trash container. Any excess can be brought to a Rural Waste Center at no charge. Find locations at: www.leoncountyfl.gov/SolidWaste/ruralsites
- Do not place any debris near a fence, mailbox, driveway, power line equipment, poles, transformers, downed electrical wiring, water meters or storm drains.



Leon County's **FIRST** priority is to open streets and remove debris from Rights-of-Way.