



City of Florence Releases New Updates for #NextPhaseFlorence

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FLORENCE, SC - The City of Florence has released additional updates as a part of the #NextPhaseFlorence Hurricane Matthew Clean-Up Effort. Updates include Debris Removal and Monitoring Contractor Updates, Estimated Timeline and Cost of Clean-Up, and FEMA guidelines.

- Debris Removal and Monitoring Contractors are in neighborhoods and working today. Tetra Tech, LLC from Maitland, Florida is conducting our debris monitoring which is required by FEMA. The two contractors working on storm debris removal are R. Baker, Inc. from Phil Campbell, Alabama, and Santee Modular Homes from Santee, South Carolina.
- R. H. Baker, Inc. is assigned to Zones 2 & 5. In Zone 2, the crews are working on Jarrott Street and Park Avenue. In Zone 5, crews are working on Beckett, Ivanhoe, Poinsett, and Chaucer. Zones 3 & 4 are assigned to Santee Modular Homes. The crew working in Zone 3 is on Lakeside and Santee, and in Zone 4 on Pineland and Ballard.
- The City of Florence greatly appreciates the patience of residents following Hurricane Matthew and leading into the collection phase. The City has worked diligently to comply with all FEMA requirements to ensure that we are fiscally responsible and obtain maximum reimbursements. The total estimated cost for cleanup inside the city limits is approximately \$2,000,000. It is to the benefit of our community to comply with all guidelines. FEMA reimbursements are limited to 75% of total costs. Therefore, the City is required to match approximately 1/2 million dollars of cleanup costs. It is imperative that the City correctly administers the cleanup efforts as well as manages our costs to reduce any future liability.

- We anticipate that storm debris cleanup will take approximately 30-45 days. If city residents have concerns regarding contractor debris removal, please contact the City Administration Office at 843-665-3113. Residents with concerns or questions should email the City at NextPhaseFlorence@CityofFlorence.com.

Residents can apply for assistance by registering online with FEMA at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4286> or by calling 1-800-621-3362. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing should call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY), and those who use Video Relay Service can call 1-800-621-3362. Toll free numbers are operating from 7am - 10pm seven days per week until further notice.

To stay up to date with all of the latest information regarding #NextPhaseFlorence, please [visit the page on our website](#) dedicated to the clean up efforts. You can also follow the City of Florence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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