



City of Florence Releases Important Steps for Citizens

Issues Proposed Debris Collection Plan & Halloween Safety Recommendations

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FLORENCE, SC – The City of Florence held a press conference at 9:00 AM this morning where City Manager, Drew Griffin, discussed the next steps being taken by the City for the clean up efforts with #NextPhaseFlorence.

- Clean Up Schedule: City Crews will begin cleaning Zones 1 and 6 on Monday, October 31st. (see map attached) The rest of the schedule over the next 8 weeks is outlined below.
- It is important to note that our City crews are not equipped to be commercial debris collectors and will be contracting with a company for clean up efforts of vegetative debris. The public bid for this contract will be issued tomorrow or Monday. (hazardous trees and stumps will be bid separately as they must be accounted for differently in the FEMA regulations.) Contractors interested in bidding should contact **Lynwood Givens at 843-665-3162**.
- The City hopes to have the clean up process completed by late 2016/early 2017.
- Debris collection will be based on cubic yards. The City is prepared to collect more than 150,000 cubic yards.
- The City is issuing new safety recommendations for Halloween Trick-or-Treating due to the large amount of debris still located in right-of-ways throughout the City. The City strongly recommends Trick-or-Treating during daylight hours only. (see attached)
- Residents with concerns or questions should email the City at NextPhaseFlorence@CityofFlorence.com

Josh Whittington, Field Debris Collection Manager, stated, “All of the debris collected by the City of Florence will be taken to our public works lot to be run through a tub grinder. We are extremely fortunate that the 20-year-old grinder was just replaced prior to Hurricane Matthew.”

City of Florence Proposed Debris Collection Schedule

Zone*	Collection Service	Estimated Dates of Collection	Estimated Debris Totals (Cubic Yards)
1	Forced Account	October 31 to December 23 th (8 Weeks)	20,000
2	Contractor	November 28 to January 6 (6 Weeks)	25,000
3	Contractor	November 28 to January 6 (6 Weeks)	37,500
4	Contractor	November 28 to January 6 (6 Weeks)	37,500
5	Contractor	November 28 to January 6 (6 Weeks)	25,000
6	Forced Account	October 31 to December 23 (8 Weeks)	5,000

* see attached zone map

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.

“It is important for residents and businesses to get debris separated and to the street as quickly as possible so that when the Contractor is selected in the next 2-3 weeks, they can begin work immediately. It is also critical that we all follow FEMA guidelines so that as a City, we can do our due diligence to keep costs down and get reimbursed for some of the cost of the destruction left behind from Hurricane Matthew.” stated Drew Griffin, Florence City Manager.

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](#). Specific questions regarding debris clean up can be emailed to NextPhaseFlorence@cityofflorence.com.