



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 the completion of the third and final pass for storm debris removal and hauling contractors, total debris collection statistics and the private contractor removal deadline.

- As of Friday, March 3, 2017, the debris removal and hauling contractors have completed their third and final pass city-wide
- A total of 150,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris was collected
- Beginning Friday March 10, 2017, any remaining storm debris work, regular yard waste work and/or commercial and demolition debris (building, remodeling, roofing, etc.) which is performed by a private contractor must be hauled away from the property by the private contractor per Chapter 9, Section 9 -57 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances (see below).
- Regular residential yard waste collection will continue on its normal schedule.

Sec. 9-57. - Placement of yard and tree trimmings and trash for curbside collection.

- (a) *Containerization required.* All leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and similar yard and tree trimmings shall be separated from household garbage and placed in approved containers, plastic, or cellulose bags which will be removed according to the official collection schedule established by the department of public works. Branches, limbs, and shrubbery shall be cut so as to fit into the approved containers or bags when possible.
- (b) *On-call collection provided for oversized yard trash.* In those instances where very large tree limbs are impossible to cut and fit into the appropriate containers the homeowner or occupant may call the public works department office and request the special on-call trash collection service (see [section 9-62](#)). The homeowner or occupant must place the trash to be collected in front of the property on the right-of-way as near to the evening before the assigned day of collection as possible.
- (c) *Street median strips.* No containers or loose yard trash shall be placed or stored on street median strips at any time.
- (d) *Contractors to remove rubbish.* Commercial building and remodeling contractors, workmen, landscapers, tree and shrubbery firms, roofers, and clearing and grubbing contractors shall not deposit debris as yard trash for city collection. Commercial contractors must remove their own construction, demolition and land clearing wastes. Violation of this section by contractors is enforceable by the penalty provisions of this chapter ([section 9-5](#)), and in addition, the contractor is subject to having the city business license revoked by the city council.
- (e) *User fees established.* Private contractors who desire the city to haul off solid waste may contract with the public works department for such services. The director of public works shall establish a fee schedule for these services that is fair, reasonable and competitive within the existing market for such services.

(Code 1973, § 11-37; Ord. No. 92-30, 7-13-92)

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