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Residents of Lafourche Parish Garbage and Trash Services Storm and Flood Debris Cleanup and Removal

Lafourche Parish Government and its contractors are continuing the process of Storm and Flood Debris Cleanup and Removal throughout the Parish. To assist in these collection efforts, we ask that storm/flood debris and regular garbage and trash be kept separate as much as possible. To assist these contractors in the removal of debris, it is requested that you place all debris at street curbside away from fire hydrants, low hanging wires, water meters, etc... To further assist in these efforts, we ask that the storm/flood debris be separated into different piles. These piles are: (1) metal, (2) clean wood and tree debris, (3) white goods (household appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, a/c units, washers and dryers, microwave ovens, TV's, etc...), (4) carpet and other household furniture related items, and (5) batteries, chemicals or other items that may be of a hazardous nature.

As always, loose debris should be bagged, boxed, bundled, and containerized as much as possible.

Do not put debris in roadside ditches that may block drainage.

Any resident who has storm/flood debris is asked to place the debris curbside at this time as described above. We expect to have additional contractors and equipment on-line this week to begin collecting the extra volumes of debris. We ask for your patience and understanding in allowing our contractors the time that it will take to complete the lengthy process of cleaning up the entire parish.

Concerning insurance; the parish and its contractors are not responsible for collection of debris in cases where property owners may be reimbursed by insurance companies for hauling debris to an accredited landfill. In these cases, property owners and their contractors will be responsible to make arrangements with a solid waste contractor for the proper collection and disposal of the debris.

The parish and its contractors are not entering private property to collect debris at this time. Debris collection will occur at or very near the public right of ways. Property owners will be responsible to make sure the debris is placed in the proper location for collection.

Unusually high volumes of trash and garbage prior to the recent storms may also cause some delays during this recovery effort. Our contractors are doing their best to provide efficient and safe services. There may, however, be times when delays are unavoidable in both the storm debris collection and the regular garbage service.

Your patience, understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated during this time. While there is no need to call our office during this time as we are conducting a parish-wide collection of all storm/flood debris and regular garbage collection, if you feel that you must call you may contact us at 1-800-794-3160.

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