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### **Residents of Lafourche Parish Tree Debris, Trash, and Bulky Waste Collection Services Storm Debris Cleanup and Removal**

Lafourche Parish Government and SWDI, LLC have mobilized extra crews and equipment to help expedite the collection of the increased volumes of tree debris, trash, and bulky wastes generated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Contractors will be working throughout the parish for the next several weeks in order to get a handle on what has been unusual amounts of debris being placed curbside parish-wide thereby causing some delays in normal collection service time. At the same time, our regular contractor, SWDI, LLC is continuing normally scheduled garbage pickup. To assist in these collection efforts, we ask that tree debris, trash, and bulky waste 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 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) batteries, chemicals or other items that may be of a hazardous nature. Loose debris should be boxed, bundled, and containerized as much as possible.

On our current schedule we anticipate the debris clean up to be substantially completed by August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Any resident who has tree debris, trash, or other bulky waste debris is requested to place the debris curbside at this time as described above. Now is the time to focus your attention on getting any remaining debris on your property to the curbside for collection. We are urging residents not to delay the process of cleaning up. As the hurricane season becomes more active, which is likely, and our debris collection services return to normal, it should not be a reasonable expectation to place debris curbside ahead of an approaching storm and assume it will be collected before a storm makes landfall. So please take action now while we have extra crews and equipment available.

Concerning insurance; the parish and its contractors are not responsible for collection of debris in cases where property owners have been 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. 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.

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 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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