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PRESS RELEASE

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Lafourche Parish Garbage & Trash Services, Storm Debris Cleanup & Removal

Lafourche Parish Government and its contractors will begin the process of Storm Debris Cleanup and Removal in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. To assist in these collection efforts, we ask that storm 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.

Regular garbage services will NOT resume until Saturday, September 6th, at the very earliest. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

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

Any resident who has storm debris is asked to place the debris curbside at this time as described above. We ask 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.

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 debris and regular garbage collection, if you feel that you must call you may contact us at 985-537-7603.