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Storm Debris Collection Update

Omni Pinnacle continues to pick up storm related debris throughout the Parish. As of November 2, 2008, a total of 223,845 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 21,500 cubic yards of mixed debris had been collected over the last 60 days.

Lafourche Parish Government is urging all residents who may continue to have storm related debris to make every effort to place this debris at the curbside at this time as the storm debris collection operation is beginning to enter into the later stages of the collection process.

The contractors hired by the parish to clean up storm debris are slated to start the final swing through the parish on November 10th.

Plans are to finish storm related debris pickup by **Sunday, November 23rd**.

Residents are cautioned that any debris placed at the curbside as a result of the hiring of a contractor for various services such as roofing, tree trimming and cutting, remodeling, etc. is the responsibility of the property owner and the contractor. If you hire a contractor to perform such services, arrangements should be made between the property owner and the contractor to remove and dispose of the debris.

It is critical to the debris removal operation to segregate the material that is being placed curbside for collection. The principle forms of debris include: white goods (appliances), construction and demolition (C/D) materials and vegetative debris. There is a right way to sort your debris and sorted debris will be removed more efficiently and timely. Mixed debris is classified as having two or more types of debris mixed together. Appliances and mixed debris will be the last material that will be picked up from the side of the road.

Residents are encouraged to continue to bag, box, and bundle as much of the debris as possible.

SWDI, LLC will collect regular household garbage, such as food refuse, diapers, newspapers and other wastes in cans or bags. SWDI, LLC will not collect storm generated debris such as trees, tree limbs, fencing, roofing and other building materials.

Because different trucks will collect and dispose of different kinds of solid wastes, we ask that residents separate the garbage and storm related debris at the curb as follows:

1. Containerized regular household garbage, cut grass and other bagged waste should be placed curbside no earlier than 4 pm on the day prior to either of your regularly scheduled garbage collection days.
2. Storm related debris which may be placed curbside for collection should be separated as follows:

Household garbage

- Bagged trash
- Discarded food
- Packaging, papers

Construction Debris

- Building materials
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

Vegetative Debris

- Tree branches
- Leaves
- Logs

“White” Goods

- Refrigerators
- Washers, Dryers
- Freezers
- Air Conditioners
- Stoves
- Water heaters
- Dishwashers

Electronics

- Televisions
- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- DVD Players
- Telephones

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