



Debris Management Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Pinellas County currently collecting debris?

Pinellas County Public Works and contractors are working seven days a week in nearly all zones of *Unincorporated Pinellas County*. Residents can view the Debris Collection Routes Map at <http://arcg.is/2fe9NEi>.

What types of debris are you collecting?

Vegetation debris such as fallen tree branches and logs, and construction/demolition debris, such as building material, drywall, lumber etc. Vegetation debris is being collected on the first pass, which is expected to be substantially completed by the end of this month, followed by other types of debris.

Why are you adding new zones when you haven't finished in zones already announced?

Public Works continues to work with contractors to bring in more resources daily – this allows us to work in multiple zones at the same time.

If my zone is active, how long will it take before you collect debris on my street?

We expect a **first pass** of debris collection focused on vegetation debris to be completed by the end of this month (October). Due to the volume of debris varying in different zones, some zones may have the first pass completed earlier.

How much debris did Hurricane Irma create in Pinellas County?

It is estimated that Hurricane Irma produced up to 500,000 cubic yards of debris across unincorporated Pinellas County; for perspective, Pinellas County collected 185,000 cubic yards of yard waste in all of 2016. All of Florida's 67 counties reported debris cleanup after this storm, which means extra resources for local governments are being heavily utilized both in our state and in other areas recently affected by tropical weather events.

What areas of the county have you completed to date?

The first pass on some zones is almost complete. We will be updating the website with that information shortly.

My zone was announced in the first week of the debris pickup; why hasn't my debris been picked up yet?

The zones with the most debris were the first ones targeted. Contractors and County staff are working in all the active zones, however, due to varying volumes of debris across all zones, we anticipate the first pass being completed countywide by the end of this month.



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I live on a private street in unincorporated Pinellas County. Will you still pick up my debris?

Yes, we ask that you move debris to the nearest public right-of-way for pickup; however, if you cannot get your debris to a county right-of-way, please call Public Works to make pickup arrangements: (727) 464-8900. We have a separate contractor working through all the requests for pickup on private streets.

Can I drop off debris myself if I don't want to wait for pickup?

If residents of the County wish to drop off their storm related debris, they have the option to take their debris to the Solid Waste facility located at 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, but should be aware that regular disposal fees will be charged. For more information, see:

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/landfill-payment-options.htm>

Can the County provide a free debris drop-off site?

Currently, due to a lack of staffing and space to stage a free drop-off site, and to ensure maximum FEMA reimbursement to minimize costs to our taxpayers for debris collection, we are unable to provide a free drop-off site. County staff is utilizing all available resources on storm debris pickup.

I've seen people dumping new debris in my neighborhood or putting out other items that aren't debris-related. How can I report these?

It is a third-degree felony for hired companies to dump on the right-of-way or vacant lots instead of taking it to a Yard Waste Facility. The curbside storm debris cleanup is only for STORM debris (not regular pruning maintenance or permitted tree removal). These companies are not only breaking the law, they are slowing the cleanup process! Email details (with photos if possible) if you see hired companies dumping debris to watershed@pinellascounty.org.

If I have specific concerns about my debris pickup, or other questions, who should I contact? Call Public Works at (727) 464-8900 or email stormdebris@co.pinellas.fl.us.