



## **Hurricane Irma Storm Debris: FAQS**

### **When will my storm debris be collected?**

Unlike garbage collection, there is *no set schedule*. Multiple crews are simultaneously collecting debris in neighborhoods throughout the city.

### **How do I prepare storm debris?**

Place it at the curb (not on the street) at least 3-5 feet away from objects including mailboxes, light poles, fire hydrants, trees, water meters etc. Please do not bag debris or place it in a container.

### **Do I have to bag debris or put it in a container?**

No. Preferably, just leave the storm debris curbside. If it is bagged or in a container, it will be collected; however, it may take longer.

### **Why does there need to be space between the pile and mailboxes, light poles, trees etc.?**

Collection crews are using large, mechanical equipment and need space to maneuver.

### **How long will the collection process be?**

It is expected there will be 2-3 passes throughout all the neighborhoods with each cycle taking several weeks.

### **Who is collecting the storm debris?**

The City of Sarasota has an emergency contract in place for storm debris removal with Ceres Environmental. City of Sarasota Public Works crews also are providing additional assistance with collection.

### **Is there an extra fee for storm debris collection?**

No.

### **Why can't we park in front of storm debris piles?**

Collection crews are using large, mechanical equipment and trucks and need to work immediately adjacent to each pile.

**What should I do if a tree is partially in the right-of-way and partially on private property?**

The storm debris contractor will cut and remove only the portion that is on or over the right-of-way. City contractors and employees do not enter private property to remove downed trees.

**Will my neighborhood streets be cleaned/swept?**

The City plans to remove smaller, fine debris with street sweepers. We ask for patience as this may take some time.

**Who should I call with additional questions?**

A storm debris hotline has been established: **1-855-428-4526**