



## **Hurricane Irma Storm Debris: FAQs**

### **Did storm debris crews leave the city limits?**

No. The City's emergency contract is in place. Zero storm debris removal crews or vehicles left the City of Sarasota at any point.

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

Unlike garbage collection, there is *no set schedule*. Multiple crews are collecting debris in neighborhoods throughout the city. They're working north to south.

### **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.

### **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 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.

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

Please keep household garbage and bulk waste separate from storm debris. Standard yard waste regulations are suspended for Hurricane Irma storm debris. Place debris 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. Also,

### **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.

### **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.

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

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