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Hurricane Matthew Debris Removal Operations Update: Final Pass to Begin Jan. 3

In observance of the upcoming winter holidays, all [Beaufort County](#) debris removal operations will temporarily discontinue at the end of the day Thursday, Dec. 21, and will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

As of Sunday, Dec. 18, more than 1.1 million cubic yards of storm debris had been removed from Beaufort County, not including debris on Hilton Head Island.

The second pass for debris removal operations is nearing completion for approximately 85% of the County. The third and final pass for debris removal will begin Tuesday, Jan. 3, for those areas.

In areas of the County where the County's contractor has **not** yet completed the second pass, CERES will continue to collect debris after the holiday break and will return later for a third and final pass.

Any remaining hurricane-generated debris should be placed at the right-of-way.

Debris removal by County contractors is limited by Federal law. Leaves and small limbs should be disposed of in the same way yard waste is normally disposed. Small amounts of Class 2 debris may be disposed of at County Convenience Centers.

Waste types are classified in the following categories:

- Class 1 waste includes small limbs, leaves and landscape trimmings.
- Class 2 waste includes building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, mattresses and plumbing.

Christmas trees are not allowed at the rights-of-way. Christmas trees may be disposed of at any [County Convenience Center](#). All ornaments and lights must be removed prior to disposal. Click here to view the County's [Convenience Centers Holiday Schedule](#).

Residents are encouraged to visit the [Beaufort County Disaster Recovery website](#) for more information.