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## Contractors Cautioned Not to Illegally Dump Debris from Hurricane Matthew

Contractors working to move storm-generated debris are not allowed to dump processed material from private property onto the right-of-way. Any such debris that has been processed or grinded into mulch needs to be delivered to an approved landfill or processing facility for disposal at the owner's expense.

"The law regulates the disposal of such waste to protect the health of our residents," said Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Director / Debris Manager Jim Minor. "We expect and encourage all contractors to ensure that they are following state laws and guidelines."

Contractors are cautioned that the illegal dumping of processed debris on public or private rights-of-way is a violation of law under [South Carolina Statute 16-11-700](#). Violation of this statute can result in punishment ranging from a monetary fine to imprisonment.

Vegetative debris that has fallen on private property as a result of Hurricane Matthew should be moved to the right-of-way in front of the owner's property where the debris originated.

All debris removed from the right-of-way by the County's debris-removal contractor must be certified as eligible debris and will be transported to a debris-management site to be reduced. Anyone who witnesses illegal dumping in the right-of-way or onto private property is encouraged to report the activity to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office at 843-255-3200.