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## Beaufort County Debris Removal Update

Beaufort County is continuing its recovery process due to the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew and has activated its debris management plan and debris removal contracts. Trucks started removing debris this week and have already hauled away more than 4,600 cubic yards of debris, as well as 1,100 hanging trees and 58 leaning trees. Debris will be reduced by burning or grinding. The [County's debris removal contractor](#) will make three passes through affected areas to collect debris over the next several weeks until removal is complete, which could take as long as 90 days.

Bagged debris will not be collected and should not be placed on the public right-of-way. Residents should place Class 1 vegetative (woody, burnable debris such as limbs and shrubbery) and Class 2 construction/demolition storm-generated debris in separate piles on the public right-of-way/curb at their residence for removal, being careful not to block stormwater ditches, water meter vaults, fire hydrants, or other utilities which are located above ground. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement.

At this time, only County, City or State roads are eligible for debris removal. Private roads, private communities, and/or gated properties will not be covered under this program ([FEMA](#) Public Assistance). Beaufort County has requested a waiver from the federal government to allow crews to remove debris from these areas. If a waiver is granted, the County will work with the appropriate parties to coordinate removal.

Please check the Beaufort County website at [www.bcgov.net](http://www.bcgov.net) for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.