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County to Open Convenience Centers and Debris Sites September 13

Following closures due to Hurricane Irma, all Beaufort County <u>Convenience Centers</u> are scheduled to open tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13. Centers are typically closed on Wednesdays, but the County is reopening them early to accommodate residents. The Centers will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Centers will return to their normal operating schedules Thursday, September 14.

The County will <u>not</u> provide curbside pickup of Hurricane Irma storm debris.

Beaufort County is opening two Debris Management Sites to accept Class 1 and 2 debris, as well as white goods debris. Commercial vehicles should not use the debris sites.

- Ihly Farms 66 Ihly Farm Road in Beaufort
- Pinckney Point 651 Pinckney Colony Road in Bluffton

An additional site has been opened on Daufuskie Island.

Notes

- Residents must transport their debris to the convenience centers or debris management sites.
- Residents should not bring storm-related debris to the convenience centers.
- There is no charge for disposal of residential quantities at these locations.
- Class 1 land clearing debris includes woody debris tree limbs, leaves, and other yard waste.
- Class 2 construction and demolition debris includes building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, mattresses, and plumbing items.
- White goods debris includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, and clothes dryers.
- All food products must be removed prior to dropping off white goods.
- Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- Debris will be collected according to class and should not be mixed together.

Residents in unincorporated areas should be mindful of <u>Beaufort County's burn ordinance</u>, which outlines rules for burning on residential properties:

- Outdoor burning of leaves, tree branches, yard trimmings, and other vegetative matter must be located no less than 75 feet away from any structure or road.
- The burning must occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- The burning should be fully extinguished by 3 p.m. and shall not be allowed to smoke beyond that time.
- The burning shall be attended by a competent person from the time the fire is kindled until all embers of the fire have been extinguished; and the person shall have a garden hose connected to a constant water supply, or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use, in amounts that can prevent the spread of any open burning beyond the allowable area.
- Proper notification should be given to the State Forester by calling 1-800-895-7062.

The full ordinance with additional information regarding burning is available here.

Additional information can be obtained by clicking <u>here</u> or by calling the Solid Waste and Recycling Office of the Beaufort County Public Works Department for more information at 843-255-2736, starting tomorrow, September 13.