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Charleston County Hurricane Matthew Debris Collection to Complete First Pass

County Contractor set to begin final phase of the collection operation

The Charleston County Hurricane Matthew Recovery Office (HMRO) is completing its initial debris collection pass throughout the county during the next two days. As of Nov. 18, the operation has collected nearly 375,000 cubic yards of Hurricane Matthew debris. The public is asked to place any remaining hurricane-related debris curbside as soon as possible for final pick-up. We expect to make a final pass the two weeks following Thanksgiving. No collection will take place on November 24 and 25.

Additional Debris Information:

- Any hurricane debris should be placed near the road, away from power lines, mailboxes and other obstructions.
- Crews will no longer pick up yard waste bags.
- Final collections will be completed by mid-December
- After Dec. 5, citizens can arrange for debris pickup by calling 843-202-7600 or by email at PWcustomerservice@charlestoncounty.org

The HMRO started shortly after Hurricane Matthew left the region and immediately following the initial damage assessment of Charleston County. The contractor, AshBritt, County crews, and municipal crews have been collecting vegetative and construction debris throughout all areas of the County. The operation included the establishment of Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction sites to expedite pickup operations. Grinding operations are underway at those sites where the material will be processed for final disposal.

As of 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18:

1. Average daily loads by cubic yards (CY) –
 - a. Average loads per day - 220
 - b. Average daily total yards collected - 9,676.61 CY
2. Total number of loads – 8,164
3. Total cubic yards of debris - 358,034.59 CY

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