

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
STORM RELATED VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REMOVAL**

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Hurricanes can generate between 100,000 to 300,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris. Therefore, the County may have a special storm related vegetative debris collection for the unincorporated area of Indian River County. Please review the following list of frequently asked questions and answers to help guide County residents through this process.

Q: When will the vegetative debris removals start?

A: **Rights-of-Way:** If a hurricane has been declared a disaster, vegetative debris removal will start 10 to 14 days after the storm has passed.

**Private Roads:** After a declared disaster, if approved by the Board of County Commissioners, vegetative debris on Private Roads and Subdivisions in Unincorporated Indian River County will be picked up after all debris on Public roads have been removed.

Q: What areas will the debris removal cover?

A: The unincorporated areas of Indian River County

Q: I live within the city limits: will the County remove the vegetative debris from my area?

A: No, you will need to contact your city/town for their vegetative removal instructions. Those numbers are as follows:

Vero Beach	(772) 978-5300
Sebastian	(772) 228-7001
Fellsmere	(772) 646-6316
Indian River Shores	(772) 231-1771
Orchid	(772) 581-2770

Q: Who will be doing the removal?

A: Indian River County's contracted vegetative debris hauler.

Q: What items will be picked up?

A: Vegetative debris such as branches, tree limbs, leaves, plants, tree trimmings, palm fronds and tree trunks. Please do NOT bag your vegetative debris. Vegetative debris should be placed in separate piles. Vegetative debris will not be picked up if it is commingled with garbage, wood/construction debris, metals, white goods such as refrigerators/hot water heaters/ dishwasher.

Q: Will they pick up any other types of hurricane debris?

A: Waste Management will pick up White goods (appliances) if the customer 1) has signed up for Waste Management services and 2) calls for a bulk pick up. Waste Management has to pick up within 4 days.

Q: what do I do with wood/construction debris, metals, and/or white goods such as refrigerators/hot water heaters/ dishwashers?

A: They must be brought to the Main County Landfill at 1325 74<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in Vero Beach. If you are unable to bring the material to the landfill yourself, you can contact a private company to remove it for you.

Q: Where do we place the vegetative debris for removal?

A: It should be placed on the rights-of-way next to the roads (not on the road itself). Please avoid placing on top of water meters, storm drains, near phone/electric boxes, near fire hydrants, near mail boxes or any other utility features in the right of way. Do not place under trees or power lines.

Q: Who can submit a right-of-entry form?

A: Each property owner on a private road or an authorized officer/agent of the Home Owners' Association (HOA) of a private subdivision on a private road.

Q: Where can I find the right-of-entry form?

A: On the Indian River County website, [www.ircgov.com](http://www.ircgov.com), you will find information about the current hurricane season, and there is a link to the right-of-entry form for private roadways and subdivisions, or you can go online at [www.ircrecycles.com/rightofentry.htm](http://www.ircrecycles.com/rightofentry.htm).

Q: How is the form submitted to the County?

A: It can be submitted online at [www.ircrecycles.com/rightofentry.htm](http://www.ircrecycles.com/rightofentry.htm), submitted by mail or by hand delivery to the Public Works Department, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, or scanned and emailed to [debrisform@ircgov.com](mailto:debrisform@ircgov.com). If you choose to print and sign, the form will need to be notarized. Notaries are available at the County Administration Building.

Q: What if I do not want to wait for the County to remove the vegetative debris?

A: Small vegetative debris (less than 3" in diameter) can be brought to any of the County's five customer convenience centers (open 7:00 am to 6:00 pm daily except closed on Wednesday). Large vegetative debris (greater than 3" in diameter) can be brought to the Indian River County Landfill located at 1325 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (open daily from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm). Please visit [www.ircrecycles.com](http://www.ircrecycles.com) for locations and normal operative hours.

Q: Who can I call if I have more questions?

A: You can call the County Solid Waste Disposal District at (772) 770-5112.

**Please be aware that dumping any type of debris from private subdivisions onto public roadways or not disposing of debris in a legal manner is subject to code enforcement action by the County.**