



News Release

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Hurricane Dennis
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Escambia County- Hurricane Dennis Update Debris Clean up and Removal

Pick-up of Hurricane Dennis debris is underway. Residents should place Hurricane Dennis debris on the County right-of-way as quickly as possible. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved three passes for clean up. A deadline for pick-up may be imposed.

The following will help expedite clean up:

- Residents should separate debris as follows:
 - Vegetative debris (trees, brush, etc.)
 - Construction debris (shingles, etc.)
 - If debris is mixed, it will not be picked up.
- Debris should not be placed in the roadway. This could cause a traffic hazard and may be restricting passage for emergency vehicles.
- Debris should be placed on the right-of-way. Please allow a minimum of 10 feet between debris and fire hydrants, mailboxes and/or water meters.
- It is possible that only part of your debris will be picked up at a given time and the company will return to pick up additional debris at a later date. Debris will continue to be picked up in all areas until an inspector clears the contractor.
 - Debris on private property should be pushed to the public right-of-way. It will be picked up if it is on the right-of way. No right of entry is needed.
 - No determination on debris removal on private roads has been made as yet.
- If residents have a tree that is blocking a drive or poses a safety hazard and are financially unable to have it removed should contact First Call for Help at 595-5905.
- The FDOT has begun clean up of state roads and interstate. For questions about debris removal on state roads, please call 981-3000.
- The County has contracted with Ash Britt, Crowder-Gulf, and DRC to remove the debris on County rights of way. There is no charge for this service. Any contractors attempting to charge Escambia County citizens for these services should be reported to the Sheriff's Department. If a citizen chooses to hire a private contractor for work on private property, that is their choice.

Burn Ban

- Effective July 13, Escambia County is under a burn ban prohibiting the burning of trash, leaves, branches, trees, and garbage anywhere in Escambia County until further notice.
- Violators can be punished by a fine up to \$500 and/or by imprisonment in County Jail for up to 60 days.

Perdido Landfill

- For those residents that want to take hurricane debris to the Perdido Landfill:
 - **Disposal rates at Perdido Landfill in Escambia County have not been waived.**
 - Standard rates are \$27.00 per ton for household garbage and \$18.00 per ton for yard trash.
 - The Oak Grove Convenience Center has reopened.
 - Citizens are encouraged to report anyone who is seen dumping illegally by providing vehicle tag numbers and descriptions to (850) 595-3536.

Debris Hotline

- For additional questions about debris clean up, call the Debris Hotline at (850) 937-2180.

Official Website

- www.bereadyescambia.com

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