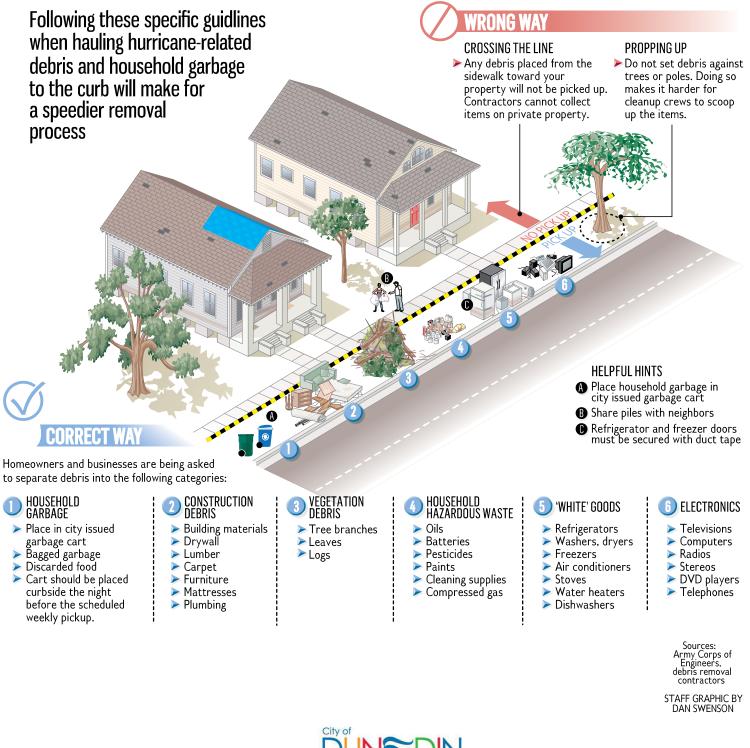
PICKING UP THE PIECES AFTER A NAMED STORM





www.dunedingov.com/hurricane Dunedin Solid Waste 727-298-3215 solidwaste@dunedinfl.net

9.6.2023 - Flood Impacted Neighborhoods

The City of Dunedin is working with contractors to collect and dispose of water intrusion-related debris from last week's Hurricane flooding. We will have more details and the collection schedule by the end of the week. Meanwhile – please check our website for information and updates at: <u>www.dunedingov.com/hurricane</u> or call 727-298-3215.

If your home received water intrusion from Hurricane Idalia and damages have not been reported to the City for assessment, please contact Community Development at 727-298-3210.

City staff, County staff and FEMA have been in these flooded neighborhoods conducting damage assessment during and after the storm. We are committed to assisting residents in removing debris as soon as the contractors are available.

Pinellas residents can now apply for FEMA Individual Assistance

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced today that Pinellas County has been added to Florida's Major Disaster Declaration, which makes our community eligible for federal assistance, including Individual Assistance.

Those impacted by Hurricane Idalia can visit <u>www.pinellas.gov/emergency-information</u> for information and resources provided by Pinellas County. For federal assistance, visit <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4734</u> to apply for assistance and resources from FEMA.

Disaster assistance may include financial help for temporary lodging, basic home repairs and other disaster-caused expenses.

Sandbag Reuse and Disposal

- Sandbags that have been in contact with floodwaters may be contaminated by sewage, animal waste, oil, lawn chemicals or other hazardous chemicals. Wear gloves and a dust mask when handling potentially contaminated materials. Do not place used sand in or near bodies of water, playgrounds, sandboxes or other areas of direct human contact.
- Bring used sandbags, separated from other waste to the Pinellas County Solid Waste Disposal Complex, 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Petersburg.
- Disposal fees apply. For more information, call the Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste at (727) 464-7500
- Do not dispose of any sand or full sandbags in your regular trash. The sand does not burn and will not convert to energy in Pinellas County's Waste-to-Energy Facility. Furthermore, do not mix sandbags with yard debris for disposal. The sand is abrasive and damages equipment used to grind yard debris into mulch.

For sandbags that <u>did not</u> come into contact with floodwaters:

- Keep and store clean sandbags for preparation for future events. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, with most storms occurring between mid-August and late October.
- Spread sand on lawns or landscape beds. Place the empty bags in your garbage bin (do not place the bags in your recycling bin).
- Pinellas County Environmental Management advises residents to not dump their sandbags onto the beach. Sand used to help stop flooding may be different from beach sand and can cause issues for turtle nesting, among other problems.

Please share this information with your neighbors, as collective information can make a significant difference during and after an emergency situation.