



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Recovery efforts are underway in response to Hurricane Helene in City of Punta Gorda. Clearing and removing storm debris is a major part of the recovery effort. The City of Punta Gorda Public Works asks for residents' cooperation to make this debris removal operation proceed smoothly and ensure that the community recovers as quickly as possible.

At this time Commercial and multi-family properties are not eligible for debris removal.

It is the property owners' responsibility to bring the debris to the curb. Residents should properly sort the storm debris into the following six categories and place the piles in the City maintained right-of-way, ensuring they are off the road and not on private property: **Do not place debris in the following locations: under overhead utilities, near fire hydrants, near mailboxes or on driveways.**

- Construction and Demolition Materials
 - Non-recyclable building materials (e.g., drywall, asphalt shingles, plastic sinks/tubs, floor tiles, etc.)
 - Non-recyclable building contents and personal items (e.g., carpeting, rugs, furniture, clothing, etc.)
 - Do **NOT** use black plastic bags, use clear plastic bags or pile the loose debris.
- Electronic Waste (E-Waste)
- Discarded electrical or electronic devices intended for refurbishment, reuse, resale, or recycling through material recovery. Household Hazardous Waste
 - Items such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides must be taken to one of Charlotte County's mini-transfer stations for safe and proper disposal. Both facilities are open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 - West Charlotte: 7070 Environmental Way, Port Charlotte
 - Mid-County: 19765 Kenilworth Blvd., Port Charlotte
- White Goods

- Large household appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, and dryers. Please ensure refrigerators are free of any food waste and the doors are removed when placed curbside.
- Vegetation
 - Includes trees, limbs, brush, and leaves. Please note that crews will not enter private property to collect or remove debris.
 - Place debris in one large pile and do NOT spread out across the right-of-way.
 - Do **NOT** use plastic bags. **Material placed in plastic bags cannot be collected.**
- Regular Household Garbage
 - Normal household waste, recyclables, and bagged debris will not be collected with storm debris. Please do not attempt to place garbage or other household refuse with storm debris, as it will not be accepted, and will delay your debris collection. Please continue to follow your regular curbside collection schedule.

If you have any questions, please visit our website [Sanitation | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](https://www.punta-gorda.fl.us) or call the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri.

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