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City of Gulf Breeze Announces Final Hurricane Debris Collection Beginning November 30, 2026.

Property owners encouraged to remove hazardous and fallen trees now to avoid future disposal costs

GULF BREEZE, Fla. – As the City of Gulf Breeze continues its recovery from Hurricane Isaias, residents and property owners are encouraged to act quickly to remove dead, damaged, and fallen trees and place eligible storm-generated debris along the public right-of-way before the City's final debris collection begins Monday, November 30, 2026.

Taking advantage of the City's storm debris collection program could save property owners hundreds of dollars in private hauling and disposal fees.

Final Debris Collection Schedule

- **Through Tuesday, November 24:** Second collection pass continues.
- **November 25–29:** Collection operations suspended for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Monday, November 30:** Final collection pass begins.
- **Saturday, December 12:** Scheduled completion of final collection.

Property owners should have all eligible storm debris placed along the public right-of-way **before November 30**. Collection crews will make their final pass through neighborhoods during this period, and residents should not assume that collection will continue in their neighborhood through December 12.

Once the City's debris removal operations conclude, property owners will be responsible for arranging and paying for removal and disposal of remaining debris.

Temporary Deferral of Code Enforcement
Under Chapter 8 of the City's Code of Ordinances, accumulations of trash, construction debris, and diseased, dead, or fallen trees that create public health, fire, or property hazards may constitute a public nuisance and a code violation.

Recognizing the extraordinary circumstances following Hurricane Isaias, the City currently defers enforcement of these nuisance provisions during the Declaration of Emergency, allowing property owners additional time to address storm-related damage.

Once the emergency declaration is lifted, normal code enforcement may resume. Unresolved violations could result in City-initiated cleanup and abatement, with associated costs and fees assessed against the property owner and potentially secured by a lien on the property, subject to applicable legal procedures.

"The City's priority is to help residents recover, eliminate hazards, and restore the safety and beauty of our neighborhoods—not to issue violations," said City Manager Samantha Abell. "We encourage property owners to take advantage of this final collection opportunity. Removing hazardous trees and placing eligible debris at the roadside now could save residents hundreds of dollars in disposal costs later."

What Property Owners Should Do Now

Residents and property owners are encouraged to arrange for removal of dead, hazardous, or fallen trees as soon as possible and place eligible storm-generated debris along the public right-of-way before November 30. Vegetative debris should be separated from construction and demolition debris, and debris piles must not obstruct roadways, sidewalks, drainage systems, fire hydrants, or utility equipment.

The City appreciates residents' continued patience and cooperation throughout the recovery process. By working together, Gulf Breeze can complete its storm debris cleanup, reduce neighborhood hazards, and continue restoring the community following Hurricane Isaias.

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