



DEBRIS REMOVAL – HURRICANE HELENE/MILTON

UPLAND DEBRIS REMOVAL OPERATIONS

In response to the severe impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the State of Florida has returned debris management operations to the local jurisdictions. To accommodate these emergency measures, landfills and disaster debris management will remain open 24 hours a day to receive debris.

- Counties should open their pre-authorized county Disaster Debris Management Sites (DDMS)
- Any local government with a cumulative debris total of less than 100,000 cubic yards can request via a written exemption from the DEM Agency Emergency Order 24-014 to SERTDebrisUnit@em.myflorida.com.
- Florida Cities and Counties will need to report daily via the [Florida City and County Debris](#) reporting tool.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will continue to clear right-of-way debris from local state and county roads within fiscally constrained counties; please refer to the Executive Order.
- Debris removal rates are in accordance with local and/or county rates and can be adjusted at the county's discretion.

RECOVERY:

All FEMA Public Assistance (PA) applicants should file an expedited project worksheet via expeditedprojects@em.myflorida.com within 30 days of 10/14/2024 for the 90-day 100 percent cost share for any debris projects exceeding \$1.1 million. Prior to filing the expedited project worksheet(s), a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) shall be submitted in FEMA's Grants Portal.

PUSH TO PILE

- Impacted counties can request that debris be pushed out of roads and into the public right of way. This should be done via a WebEOC mission, and local/county roads should be identified within the description.
- ESF 13, in coordination with our Field Debris Support Team, will execute the push of debris.

WATERWAYS AND DERELICT VESSELS

- FDEM has started waterway debris removal operations in Dixie, Levy, and Taylor counties and will continue with the remaining Helene counties. Any counties impacted by Hurricane Milton and seeking assistance with waterway debris removal, should enter a mission into WebEOC and specify the desired waterways.
- Derelict Vessels will go through the FWC procedural process and will be removed after authorization.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information or questions, please email SERTDebrisUnit@em.myflorida.com.