

Sarasota County has updated its guidance on storm debris removal. Here is a summary of the current direction and cleanup opportunities. The full county update can be found here. <https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-milton-recovery/solid-waste-information>

**Normal Solid Waste Removal**

Sarasota County announced the following changes to the solid waste removal schedule for next week, the week of October 21. Turtle Rock solid waste collection will be on Thursday October 24 instead of Wednesday for next week only.

**MODIFIED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**  
**WEEK OF OCT. 21**  
**GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE**  
 (for residents living in unincorporated Sarasota County)



Normal collection day	Modified collection day
Friday	Monday, Oct. 21
Monday	Tuesday, Oct. 22
Tuesday	Wednesday, Oct. 23
Wednesday	Thursday, Oct. 24
Thursday	Friday, Oct. 25
Friday	Saturday, Oct. 26

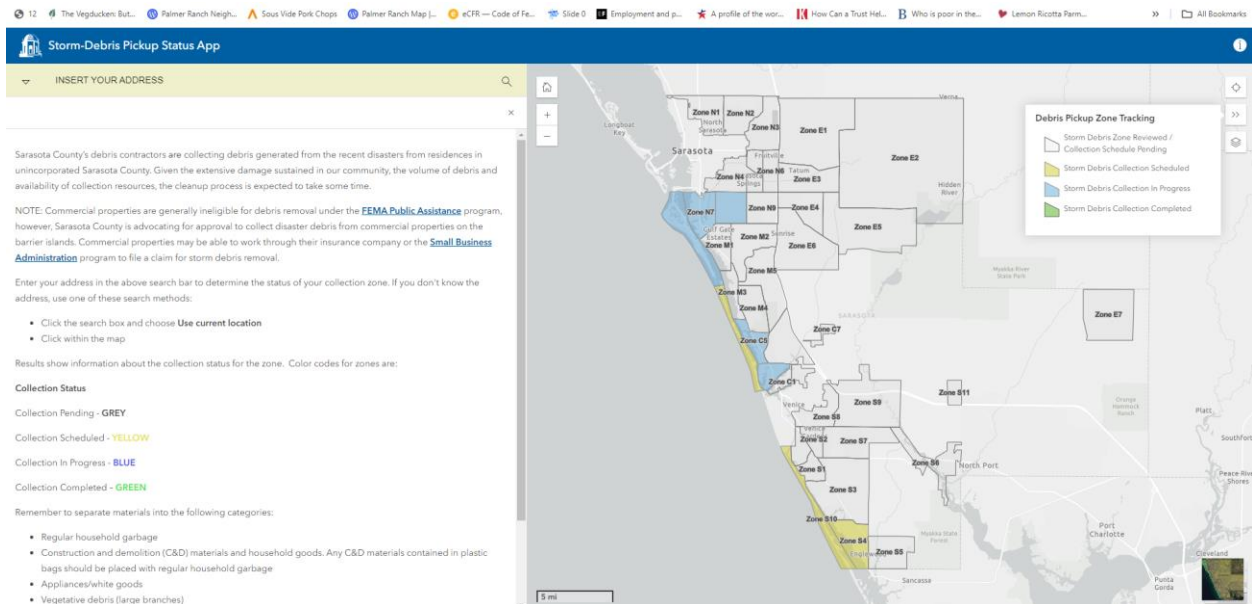
 For more information, call **311** or **941-861-5000**.

It is expected that the normal pickup schedule will resume the next week. Yard waste that can be gathered and cut to fit the guidelines may be placed in containers, in paper bags or bundled and placed at the curb for pickup. Items that are bundled or in containers should not exceed 4ft in length and items that are in bags, containers or bundles should not exceed 40lbs.

**Storm Debris Collection**

Vendors resumed collection of both construction and vegetative debris in unincorporated Sarasota County. The vendors will begin collection on the barrier islands and other areas in the Level A evacuation level. In the coming weeks, all unincorporated areas of Sarasota County will have collection by these vendors. You can check the status of storm debris collection by entering your address here

<https://sarco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=507a8ef6a66748039acc0803ec429ffb>. Below is a map that shows what zones are Collection in Progress and what zones are Collection Scheduled. Please note Turtle Rock is neither of these, so we should not expect the county to be addressing our debris any time soon.



That said, our attorney has completed the Right of Entry form to allow the county to come in to Turtle Rock to remove storm debris when they get to our zone. Sarasota County issued its guidance on the ROE form and process on Thursday, October 17 and it will be filed on Monday.

If you can dispose of your storm debris privately and sooner than the county will be able to clear our debris, it will avoid infestation by rodents, reptiles, and insects and help keep the community safe and healthy. Many landscapers are removing debris for their clients. In addition, the county has opened the following public drop-off sites will open for residents living in both unincorporated Sarasota County, as well as the municipalities, who would like to self-transport vegetative storm debris. Residents can drop off at no cost.

The drop-off sites will continue to be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- Rothenbach Park, [8650 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota.](#)
- Jackson Road Transfer Station, [250 S. Jackson Road, Venice.](#)

Proof of Sarasota County residency is required (i.e. driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.).

Residents must self-unload all vegetative storm debris. Volunteer groups may haul and unload vegetative storm materials on behalf of a resident.

Please do your best to place debris where it will not damage sod or turf, and where it will not interfere with traffic flow. Leaving debris on the turf will cause more cost for the owner of the damaged turf, whether that is your property or the community's. Finally, Bloomings has completed their debris removal and there will be no more debris collection on common property. So if you have placed debris along Turtle Rock Blvd or any other common areas, it will not be removed until the county arrives to do it so if you can move any debris you may have inadvertently placed there, it will be beneficial to the community.

Thank you.