



September 30, 2022 12:00 pm

Re: RW Interim Debris Management Plan

Dear Residents,

Whew! We made it through a momentous storm relatively unharmed. Some of us experienced property damage to our homes and there are a significant number of trees down, both in our own yards and on the common ground of each of our communities. But in general, we keep hearing from residents that they were so lucky compared to our friends just a bit south of us.

Board members drove around the community for several hours yesterday with our Landscaping team and prioritized some of the trees and debris that needed to be cleared out of our roads to ensure driving capabilities throughout the community. We have also been out today to monitor progress.

As the days and most likely weeks go by, we will continue to address areas on the Master Association Common Ground with fallen trees, limbs, and other debris.

All residents will also be dealing with the debris on their own lawns. As we drive through the community it is apparent, we all want our beautiful community to get back to normal as soon as possible. Many of us have already put together significant piles of debris at the front of our homes and are already wondering what the next step is for clearing out this debris?

When reviewing the Manatee County Debris Removal site post hurricane, the following general information is available. Please note, the County has not determined if they will implement their “*Manatee County Debris Management Plan*”.

If the Manatee County Debris Management Plan is implemented, special collection trucks and schedules will be utilized. If this occurs:

- * Do not bag debris
- * Do not mix debris types
- * Do not block or place debris on top of: mailboxes, storm drains, water meters, backflow devices, etc.
- * Storm debris will be collected outside of regular garbage, items must be properly separated into piles by type of debris:
- * **Vegetative** - Trees, limbs, leaves, branches, logs, plants; NO fencing, not even wood fences
- * **Construction & demolition (C&D)** - Roofing material, metal, cement, fiberboard, all fencing, mattresses, carpet, drywall, pool cages and screening
- * **Appliances and white goods** - Empty refrigerators, air conditioners, dishwashers, washers and dryers
- * **Garbage** - Household furniture, mattresses, spoiled food, etc.
- * NO electronics or hazardous materials are collected curbside.
- * Complete clean-up as soon as possible and comply with collection deadlines

Please Note: Not all events or storms will warrant the implementation of the Debris Management Plan.

The decision to implement this plan is based on many variables, such as the magnitude of the storm and volumes of debris generated.

As soon as River Wilderness learns of the decision whether to implement this debris management plan, we will send out a communication to our community.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO RIVER WILDERNESS AT THIS TIME?

- As we gather our debris within the community, place this debris at the edge of your property, closest to the street.
- DO NOT PLACE ANY PORTION OF THIS DEBRIS IN THE STREET. IT IS A SAFETY HAZARD AS WE DRIVE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.
- **If you piled**

**debris
in
front
of
your
home
on
the
street,
please
move
it
back
onto
your
property.**

- At this point, the debris does not need to be in a bag or tied up. Should the Debris Management Plan be implemented, they will not pick up debris in

a
bag,
or
if
it
is
placed
in
your
yard
on
the
side
of
your
sidewalk
closer
to
your
home.

- Rake
all
debris
on
the
street
next
to
the
curb
onto
your
yard,
so
it
does
not
obstruct
water
flow.
It
will
also
prevent
it
being

washed
into
the
storm
drains.

- If
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county
decides
not
to
implement
its
Debris
Management
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all
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property
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for
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- Be
patient,
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expect
this
debris
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to
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time.
We
will
monitor
status
and
contact
the
County
with
any
concerns
as
they
arise.

- Monitor
the
website:
www.mymanatee.org/garbage

Check with your neighbors – Do they need any help with yard debris?
We are all in this together!

Your RW Homeowners Board.

Att: [RW Interim Debris Management Plan PDF](#)

HOA Website: www.rwhoa.org

DEBRIS SEPARATION

- For residents of unincorporated Manatee County.
- Separate debris into the 3 categories shown below.
- Mixed piles will NOT be collected.

NORMAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH
Normal household trash of any kind will NOT be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage collection schedule.

VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

- Leaves
- Tree branches
- Logs
- Plants

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

- Building materials
- Wood fencing
- Mattresses
- Carpet
- Drywall
- Furniture
- Lumber

APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS

- Must be emptied
- Air conditioners
- Washers, dryers
- Water heaters
- Refrigerators
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Stoves

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on lines, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants, meters and backflow assemblies.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

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