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Disaster Preparation

Clay County Florida entered into a contract with CrowderGulf, a nationally known debris management contractor in order to be better prepared for the effects of a major natural disaster such as a hurricane.

The City of Green Cove Springs has elected to work in concert with Clay County and utilize the services available under their Agreement with CrowderGulf.

To that end, the goal of Clay County and Green Cove Springs is to complete the debris removal from city streets, roads, rights-of-way, and private property, as needed, within ninety (90) days of activation of the contract. This assumes that the entire area of the city will be accessible within that period. If difficulties with access occur, the timeframe may be extended by mutual agreement between Clay County and CrowderGulf.

Debris Emergency Response Debris Response activities occur immediately after a disaster event in order to clear emergency access routes. During Debris Response, CrowderGulf will remove debris from all critical streets and roads sufficient to allow for the movement of emergency vehicles. Emergency crews may be on-site and working within hours of an event. The City of Green Cove Springs along with Clay County will determine priorities for emergency activities with primary emphasis on major thoroughfares.



Storm Debris Cleanup

The general concept of debris removal operations includes one or more, scheduled passes of street right-of-ways. The timing of the passes will allow residents to return to their properties and bring debris to the right-of-way as recovery progresses. Besides removing the disaster debris from rights-of-way, CrowderGulf may be tasked with removing trees leaning on houses or other structures, rebuilding or restoring damaged infrastructure, and providing any other disaster response and recovery services as directed by Clay County and the City of Green Cove Springs.

Debris Recovery Operations - Debris Recovery Operations focus on collecting the debris, reducing and/or recycling, and final disposal. All aspects of the debris operation will be completed following all local, state, and federal regulations.

To help ensure that debris is collected in the most efficient, safe, and timely manner, CrowderGulf recommends you separate your debris at the curbside / right-of-way (ROW) by debris type. CrowderGulf will coordinate all aspects of debris management with Clay County and the City of Green Cove Springs.

Citizens should contact the Green Cove Springs Public Works department at 904 297-7060 if they have additional questions regarding debris removal. We anticipate debris removal by CrowderGulf to begin in our area on Monday October 17th.

Debris Types

- **Vegetative Debris** – includes shrubs, palm fronds, tree trimmings, grass and leaves, twigs or cut up branches
- **Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D)** – materials relating directly to construction or demolition of buildings, such as cement, dry-wall, glass, insulation, concrete blocks, etc.
- **White Goods Debris** – appliances, including refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers, freezers, microwave ovens, air conditioners, etc.
- **E-Goods Debris** – Electronics, including TVs, computers, stereos, phones, DVD players, etc.

The FEMA graphic below provides homeowners with a good depiction of appropriate right-of-way segregation procedures for the different types of debris. Using this segregation method will expedite the debris removal operation.



For more information on how to prepare for a natural disaster please visit www.FEMA.gov
For more information on CrowderGulf please visit our website: www.crowdergulf.com