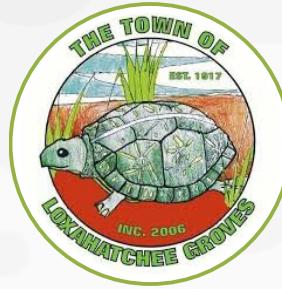


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TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES - POST-STORM DEBRIS COLLECTION AND ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

In the aftermath of the recent storm, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves is committed to providing residents with necessary recovery resources. Below is critical information on debris collection services and available assistance programs from FEMA, SBA, and local organizations.

DEBRIS COLLECTION BY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (SWA)

Track Progress: www.swa.org

- Start Date: Debris collection begins today and will continue for 60 to 90 days.
- Collection Limits: The standard 6-yard limit for storm debris has been temporarily lifted.
- Multiple Sweeps: SWA will conduct multiple sweeps through affected areas to ensure all debris is collected.

This debris collection is strictly for storm-related damage and not an opportunity for general yard clearing or street removal. Any non-storm-related work, such as large landscaping or construction debris, will require proper permits and adherence to local regulations.

FEMA ASSISTANCE

Website: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov> FEMA Hotline: 800-621-3362

FEMA offers individual housing assistance, including hotel stays, rental support, and trailer placement.

- Maximum potential aid is \$43,000, but average assistance is significantly less.
- Take photos of any damage before cleanup and apply through FEMA for assistance.

FEMA INFORMATION REGARDING MONEY RECEIVED FROM GOFUNDME

Website: <https://www.fema.gov/node/if-i-receive-donations-gofundme-page-or-something-similar-fema-will-not-help-me>

“...If you receive money from a GoFundMe page for a specific disaster-related expense--such as home repairs, funeral expenses or other emergency needs--you may not be able to receive FEMA aid for the same expense...” For more information. Please visit the link provided.

211 HELPLINE PALM BEACH AND TREASURE COAST

Website: <https://www.211palmbeach.org>

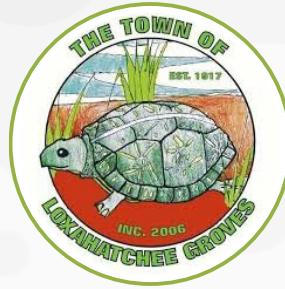
For immediate local assistance, the 211 Helpline is available to connect residents to vital resources in the community. Call 211 or visit their website for guidance and support during the recovery process.

PALM BEACH COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES

- Palm Beach County Public Safety Recovery:
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Recovery.aspx>
- Individuals and Households Assistance Program:
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Sections/Recovery-IH-Assistance-Program.aspx>

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These Palm Beach County resources offer support with recovery services, including property assessment and household assistance. Visit the links for more details.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

- The SBA provides low-interest loans to businesses and individuals for disaster recovery. Learn more by visiting their website or contacting their local office.

United Way of Palm Beach County Disaster Response

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE (PAPA)

Website: <https://pbcpao.gov/storm-damaged.htm> Phone: (561)355-3230

- Assistance Tab: PAPA has a dedicated assistance tab on their website with resources for storm recovery.

UNITED WAY PALM BEACH COUNTY

Website: <https://unitedwaypbc.org> Phone: (561) 375-6600

United Way offers disaster recovery services and financial assistance to local residents affected by the storm. Visit their website for more information.

FLORIDA DISASTER RECOVERY RESOURCES

Website: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/recovery>

The Florida Disaster Recovery site provides statewide resources for storm recovery, including updates on available state and federal aid.

FINDHELP.ORG DISASTER RESPONSE

Website: <https://www.findhelp.org/care/disaster-response--west>

FindHelp.org offers a comprehensive directory of disaster response services, including housing, food assistance, and financial support.

Important Notes

If you are making an insurance claim and or applying for FEMA assistance, please be sure to take photos of your bulk debris and or damage. Please **DO NOT** wait to put out your bulk debris.

Please be advised that the debris cleanup contractor has hired additional teams specifically for vegetative debris removal to expedite the process. Please be advised that these efforts are focused on clearing vegetative debris from the area as quickly as possible.