Picking Up the Pieces

Following these specific guidelines when hauling hurricane-related debris and household garbage to the curb will make for a speedier removal process.

Correct Way:

Homeowners are being asked to separate debris into the following categories:

1. **Household Garbage**
   - Bagged trash
   - Discarded food
   - Packaging, papers
   - All garbage should be placed curbside the night before the scheduled weekly pickup.

2. **Construction Debris**
   - Building materials
   - Drywall
   - Lumber
   - Carpet
   - Furniture
   - Mattresses
   - Plumbing

3. **Vegetation Debris**
   - Tree branches
   - Leaves
   - Logs

4. **Household Hazardous Waste**
   - Oils
   - Batteries
   - Pesticides
   - Paints
   - Cleaning supplies
   - Compressed gas

5. **‘White’ Goods**
   - Refrigerators
   - Washers, dryers
   - Freezers
   - Air conditioners
   - Stoves
   - Water heaters
   - Dishwashers

6. **Electronics**
   - Televisions
   - Computers
   - Radios
   - Stereos
   - DVD players
   - Telephones

Wrong Way:

- **Crossing the Line**
  - Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up. Contractors cannot collect items on private property.

- **Propping Up**
  - Do not set debris against trees or poles. Doing so makes it harder for cleanup crews to scoop up the items.

Helpful Hints:

- Limit curbside garbage to two 32-gallon containers or eight trash bags
- Share piles with neighbors
- Refrigerator and freezer doors must be secured with duct tape

Sources:

Army Corps of Engineers, debris removal contractors

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