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## **Deadline to push debris curbside for free pickup is March 1**

*On a separate note: volunteers helping with beach cleanup asked to organize debris piles*

**Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL** – The Town has been notified by debris contractors with Florida’s Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) that the free curbside debris removal service that has been operating since Hurricane Ian will end on March 29.

What this means for property owners is that March 1 is the last day that they can push debris off their property curbside to be picked up for free. The debris that is curbside by March 1 will be picked up sometime before March 29.

PLEASE NOTE: This deadline DOES NOT apply for private property owners who have signed up for private property debris removal through [www.iandebriscleanup.com](http://www.iandebriscleanup.com). Sign ups are still being accepted for this service. A deadline has not yet been set but will be considered if the need arises. Watch the Town’s website and social media outlets for updates.

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In a separate matter regarding debris pickup, volunteers participating in the various cleanups that are being organized on the beach are asked to follow these few steps:

- Collect debris in clear trash bags.
- Deliver trash bags curbside to the closest part of Estero Boulevard. Please keep them out of the street and off the sidewalk but deposited within five feet of the sidewalk.
- Piles should be away from utilities – electric poles and water pipes – by at least 10 feet.
- Heavier debris and debris that is unsafe to take to or deposit curbside needs to be consolidated on the beach and out of the tidal zone.
- Report the consolidated debris’ approximate location, including sending a picture, to Chadd Chustz by email at [chadd@fmbgov.com](mailto:chadd@fmbgov.com).

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