



City of Florence Prepares for Next Phase of Clean-Up Efforts

City Launches #NextPhaseFlorence Campaign to Keep Citizens Informed

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FLORENCE, SC – Today, the City of Florence is announcing the plan of action for the next phase of the clean-up of our city from the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

“Our top priority is to ensure that the needs of our residents and businesses are being addressed timely. It is also important for our residents to know what the City can and cannot assist them with. We hope that the next phase of our disaster relief plan will provide clarification and much needed resources to the people of Florence,” stated Drew Griffin, Florence City Manager.

#NextPhaseFlorence: The Logistics

The core role of local government is to operate as a resource for its citizens. While there are many issues that have impacted our residences and our businesses during this natural disaster that we are unable to resolve, our goal is to provide a consistent flow of communication and a central hub for resources.

We would encourage our residents to visit www.cityofflorence.com/nextphaseflorence.aspx. We will be posting a video update from Florence City Manager, Drew Griffin, with the latest updates every Wednesday morning at 10 AM. The update will be on the City website and City social media platforms.

“Hurricane Matthew had a major impact on our City. I am proud of our amazing city staff that has worked around the clock to help our citizens. This next phase will take our communication and our outpouring of information to the next level. In order for our citizens and businesses to

rebuild, we must maintain the highest level of communication with the people in Florence,” stated [Mayor Stephen Wukela](#).

1. Please check our website and social media pages every **Wednesday at 10 AM**. Our City Manager, Drew Griffin, will provide a video update of the very latest information there each week.
2. Please follow the City of Florence on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest news from the City.
3. If you have a question about the continued clean-up efforts, please email NextPhaseFlorence@CityofFlorence.com

Let's Get Started: 150,000 cubic yards of debris

The task of cleaning up almost 150,000 cubic yards of storm debris within the city limits is huge and it will take time to complete. The City asks for your help and your patience. Hurricane related debris is eligible for pickup and disposal by the city if residents place the following types of debris on the public right-of-way in front of their property for pick-up. Residents opting for curbside pick-up **must separate debris into six (6) categories:**

- Vegetative debris (tree limbs, shrubs, etc.)
- Construction/Demolition debris
- White goods (appliances, etc.)
- E-goods (TV's, electronics)
- Household hazardous (cleaning solutions, automotive chemicals, etc.)
- Normal household garbage

Getting Help:

A team of city staff have been assembled just to address cleanup of storm debris associated with Hurricane Matthew. Here are the key contacts that we want to share with residents:

FEMA regulations, Jerry Dudley - jdudley@cityofflorence.com

Questions about Clean-Up Efforts – nextphaseflorence@cityofflorence.com

Public Works & Utilities Department - 843-665-3236

Police Non-Emergency/After Hours Public Works & Utilities Department - 843-665-3191

City Administration – 843-665-3113

The City of Florence will continue to update citizens and businesses on our recovery efforts,

meetings with FEMA and the like. Please continue to check for our weekly video updates!

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