



# Bluffton Police Department

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## **Removal of Storm Debris from Private Neighborhoods**

Debris removal as a result of Hurricane Matthew continues to be a topic of discussion. The Town is trying to provide its residents with as much information as possible to keep the confusion at bay.

Today, we want to remind the public debris removal from private roads and private communities is generally not eligible for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA surveyors are touring Beaufort County to determine if the amount of debris on our streets and curbs is or will be a health and safety hazard. Until a final determination is made, the County will not be removing yard debris from private roads and private communities.

However, it is possible FEMA may decide removal from private property is eligible under the Public Assistance Program. If a private subdivision, private neighborhood, or individual living on a private road would like to apply for this program, contact Jim Minor, Beaufort County Debris Manager within Beaufort County's Public Works Department at [jminor@bcgov.net](mailto:jminor@bcgov.net).

A news release sent by Beaufort County regarding this topic is attached for reference.

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