Debris Removal Planning & Next Steps

Dear Fort Lauderdale Neighborhood Leaders,

City crews continue to work around the clock to remove standing water and provide relief to residents who have been impacted by this week's rain event. As neighbors shift their focus to clean up this weekend, I want to share an update on our next steps for debris collection and how to report damage.

Debris Removal
Neighbors do not need to wait for their next scheduled bulk pickup to begin clearing damaged items. Staff is finalizing logistics, and we expect to begin the first round of flood debris removal on **Monday, November 23, 2026.** Cleanup activities will also include pressure washing of mud and silty debris from roads, sidewalk and other public infrastructure. We will share additional operational details as soon as they are finalized.

To support flood-impacted neighbors during cleanup, the City's Community Enhancement and Compliance Division will not issue citations to neighbors who place flood-related debris at the curb outside of their regularly designated bulk collection time frames, provided piles do not create safety hazards by blocking roadways or storm drains.

Reporting Damage
Residents who have experienced flooding inside their homes are encouraged to document the damage by taking photos and submitting a report through the FixIt FTL app. This information will help the City assess the extent of flooding and its impacts throughout our community. Melrose Manors, Melrose Park, Riverland, Riverside Park, Shady Banks, River Oaks, Croissant Park, and Edgewood remain among the most significantly impacted neighborhoods.

Documenting Damage
Before removing or disposing of damaged items, residents are encouraged to follow these steps to ensure proper documentation for potential insurance claims:

- **Take photos and videos** of all damage, inside and outside your home.
- **Make a list** of damaged belongings, including approximate purchase dates and values.
- **Keep receipts** for cleanup, repairs, temporary lodging and other related expenses.
- **Contact your insurance company** to report the damage and ask about next steps.
- **Keep damaged items and samples** when possible until your insurance company advises otherwise.

For ongoing updates and additional information, neighbors can visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/floodingupdate or call 954-828-8000.

Thank you for your partnership and for your support with helping keep your communities informed.

Sincerely,
Chris Cooper
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City of Fort Lauderdale