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### **Suffolk Announces Residential Storm Debris Removal Efforts & Guidelines**

SUFFOLK, VA (August 29, 2011) In an effort to assist citizens in recovery from Hurricane Irene, the City of Suffolk announces some temporary changes to the city's bulk refuse program. From August 29 through Sept 30, 2011, the 12 times/year limit on bulk refuse collection has been suspended. The maximum volume of eight cubic yards is also suspended.

It's important for citizens to note that other provisions of the Solid Waste Ordinance remain in force, such as limits on maximum size of items collected, no hazardous waste, construction and demolition material, oil, paint, automotive/vehicle parts, etc.

City will not collect:

Limbs or branches in excess of 6' in length.

Stumps packed with dirt or mud

Stumps or trucks larger than 24" in diameter Waste from land-clearing operations such as rocks, dirt, sand, bricks and concrete.

Debris such as shingles, asbestos and drywall.

Automotive parts.

Oil drums and propane tanks.

Contractor produced waste from construction, repairs, remodeling/demolition, tree pruning or removal.

Paint products, pesticides, solvents and other chemicals.

All items should be placed curbside and at least 6' from any obstacle such as mailboxes, cars, etc., and away from low hanging wires and limbs.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> the City will resume counting each bulk collection toward the 12 times/year maximum, as well as all other Solid Waste Ordinance requirements.

Citizens are encouraged to contact Public Works at 514-7630 should they have any questions.



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