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## **City of Charleston Hurricane Matthew Recovery Update October 21, 2016**

**Charleston, S.C.**—Today, County contractors and City of Charleston crews worked throughout the city to collect debris left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, with 13 contractor trucks and 14 City trucks collecting in the Peninsula, West Ashley, James Island and Johns Island areas.

More information about the County contractor's debris pickup, including the collection schedule is available here: [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org) (click on Hurricane Matthew banner).

While the county contractor's specialized equipment is required to pick up much of the large storm debris, City of Charleston Public Service crews will continue to work 12 hour shifts until storm debris has been removed.

In addition, Livability and Tourism Department employees who drive pickup trucks are assisting by picking up yard waste bags. Building Inspections employees are also picking up yard waste bags they come across while conducting inspections throughout the city.

Tomorrow, October 22, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Public Service will be scraping up the mud caused by the storm surge and cleaning the eastern side of East Battery from Murray Boulevard to Hazel Parker Playground. Since much of the mud is in the area where cars park, there will be no parking permitted on the east side of East Battery in this area until after 3 p.m. tomorrow.

In addition, yesterday, the City of Charleston met with FEMA representatives to document the damage of affected homes as part of the Charleston County Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA). The PDA meeting, which is scheduled by FEMA, is a requirement before a request can be made for the Individual Assistance (IA) declaration for Charleston County.

Charleston County is submitting the results of the PDA to the State of South Carolina, which can then request the IA declaration from FEMA.

The City of Charleston is also continuing to actively seek Flood Mitigation Grants to buy out homeowners who have experienced repetitive major damage in the Bridge Pointe neighborhood of West Ashley.

Finally, citizens whose houses were damaged during the storm and are making repairs are reminded that building permits are required and that the work must be done by a licensed contractor.

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