

HELENE/MILTON UPDATE 11/6

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Today's Meeting

I would like to clarify the purpose of the meeting at town hall today. This meeting was a rescheduling of our regular meeting from October 10th which was cancelled due to Milton. The only items on the agenda was passing annual ordinances and a resolution lifting prohibitions on certain ordinances to allow RV's, trailers and pods. This was not intended to be a storm related meeting, which is why it was posted in the same manner as all of our public meetings; at town hall and on our website. Had it been a storm related meeting, I would have let everyone know through these updates.

However, this morning when we found out that many people were under the impression that this was a special storm meeting, we asked the Building Official, Randy Spears to address the most common questions that we are receiving. He did go over all the questions at the beginning of the meeting and then, unexpectedly, also did a Q&A afterwards. There was some new information and, certainly clarification of items, that we want to share with you. I will write out the information this afternoon, have Randy review it for accuracy and include it in tomorrow's update.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

We have received numerous questions about how to dispose of hazardous waste that was not collected with the debris removal such as paint, cleaners, etc. We have worked with Pinellas County to set up two mobile distribution sites on the barrier islands. The information on times and locations are below:

"Pinellas County Solid Waste will host two household chemical collection events on the barrier islands. These events aim to provide residents with a convenient way to safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals in the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and Milton.

- Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Treasure Island Fire Department Parking Lot: [180 108th Ave., Treasure Island, FL 33706](https://www.google.com/maps/place/180+108th+Ave./data=!4m2!3m1!1e1)

- *Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Belleair Causeway Boat Ramp: [3900 West Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770](https://www.pinellas.gov/33770)*

A government-issued ID will be required and scanned to verify Pinellas County residency. For a list of accepted materials and quantity limits, visit [Pinellas.gov/hhw](https://www.pinellas.gov/hhw).

Third and Final Debris Collection Information

The “on the ground” supervisor of the FEMA debris removal company provided the information below, to help insure a smooth final collection:

- The third and final debris removal is scheduled to take place the week of November 18th. Any debris after this time will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove
- Appliances will be picked up during the run.
- Debris piles smaller than 5 cubic yards (the size of a washer/dryer side by side) will not be collected. You have the option of combining small debris piles with neighbors, with their permission, to create a larger pile that would be removed **or** dispose of the items through other means such as a contractor or if small items, placed in bins for collection by the normal garbage hauler.
- Hired contractors are required to have a demolition dumpster on site for any construction items. Items that are not considered storm related debris, and will not be removed, includes tiles, pavers or any items not damaged by water or wind that is removed during the renovation process.
- There will be some small debris remaining after piles are removed. It is impossible for the large machinery to collect smaller things. This is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Do not bag any items.
- If you have damage from the use of the heavy machinery, please forward photos and contact information to townclerk@townofnrb.com. We will forward the information to Phillips and Jordan for review.

Where can I find additional information?

For updated important information, please visit Pinellas County's Emergency Management website for a full list of resources at:

<https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information/>

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