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## **Pasco County Tornado Debris pick-up ends**

*~~Customer service handles more than 100 storm-related damage calls~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- Pasco County Utility crews have finished picking up debris from last week's EF-0 Tornado. Pasco County customer service representatives took 113 calls from residents who reported some level of damage or debris from the storm that touched down in Pasco County just after 6:00 a.m. on April 7, 2016. The twister left a trail of debris from homes and businesses along a narrow path stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to just east of U.S. 19 in Port Richey.

“Many residents started picking up and piling debris right away,” said Pasco County Public Information Officer Doug Tobin. “That allowed private haulers to collect a lot of the broken branches and other storm-damaged items early in the week.”

Pasco County crews pitched in Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> picking up 36.9 tons of storm debris in affected areas and hauling it to the County landfill. Affected citizens brought in another 3.62 tons of debris. Landfill fees, which had been waived for storm victims, will go back into effect over the weekend.

“Thankfully no one was hurt in the storm and the County is happy we were able to help clean up the mess,” said Emergency Services Director Kevin Guthrie. “We’d also like to thank all the first responders, volunteer groups, neighbors and media who worked together to assist and inform storm victims in the hours and days following the tornado.”

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