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Palm Beach County is in the cone of uncertainty of a strong tropical wave and associated broad area of low pressure that is moving westward across the Leeward Islands and Puerto Rico. The National Hurricane Systems has stated that environmental conditions could become more conducive for development by the weekend, when the system is near the central Bahamas.

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County asks all county residents to refrain from cutting down trees or doing major yard or construction projects until we are out of the cone. Waste placed curbside during the possible development of this storm may put a strain on collection and disposal efforts, and large piles of vegetation and construction debris may be left at the curb should the storm intensify and make landfall in our area.

For additional information on debris collection in unincorporated parts of the county, contact SWA Customer Information Services at 561-697-2700 or 866-792-4636 (toll-free), or visit <<http://www.swa.org/Hurricane>> www.SWA.org/Hurricane<<http://www.SWA.org/Hurricane>>.

Helpful hurricane resources:

- Learn how to prepare your family by visiting www.ReadyPBC.org<<http://www.pbcgov.com/dem/knowurzone/>>.
- Get the PBC Dart app<http://www.pbcgov.com/newsroom/0712/07-30-12_pbc_dart.htm> on your smart phone.
- Watch a short video from SWA for safety tips<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjREEFIsaOY>>.
- Learn more on what to do during and after a storm<<http://www.swa.org/153/Before-During-and-After-the-Storm>>.
- Learn more from the National Hurricane Center<<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>>.

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The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

- Process approximately 100,000 tons of recyclables<<http://www.swa.org/RecycleRight>> each year
- Burn approximately 1.6 million tons of trash each year to generate electricity at renewable energy facilities<<http://swa.org/364/Renewable-Energy-Facilities>>
- Produce enough electricity to power 70,000 homes
- Recycle 150,000 tons of wastewater treatment residuals<<http://swa.org/353/Biosolids-Processing-Facility>> (sludge from flushes) into environmentally-friendly fertilizer
- Safely dispose of more than 3.2 million pounds of home hazards<<http://swa.org/171/Home-Chemical-Disposal>> a year
- Collect water off of the roofs of Renewable Energy Facility 2<<http://swa.org/375/Palm-Beach-Renewable-Energy-Facility-2>> and store it in a 2 million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

With the recent changes to the SWA's website, anyone can now sign up to receive SWA news, calendar updates, jobs, or other Web postings of interest by signing up online<<http://www.swa.org/list.aspx>>. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from this distribution by sending a REMOVE reply to this email.

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