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Debris Removal Complete

Margate, FL December 22, 2005 – The City's hurricane-related (i.e. horticultural and construction) debris collection progressed ahead of schedule and as of today debris collection is officially complete.

The total collection of hurricane-related horticultural debris totals approximately 264,000 cubic yards. That is enough debris to cover 60 football fields, with debris stacked three feet thick.

The last phase for hurricane recovery includes canals. This portion is projected to start the first week of January. An estimated 30,000 cubic yards of trees must be removed from area canals. The expected time frame for this portion of the project is 60-90 days. Public Works Director Ray Brenner added, "It will be a slow process and residents who live on canals are urged to be patient."

As a reminder, the bulk pickup schedule starts the first week of January (1/2/06-1/7/06). Any remaining debris should be placed out during this time and must meet the requirements for bundling. Bulk pick also provides an opportunity for the disposal of Christmas trees. Check online at www.margatefl.com for a current map and coordinating schedule or call Waste Management at (954) 974-7500.

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