

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE SOLID WASTE AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-208, RELATING TO HURRICANE HELENE DEM ORDER NO 24-009

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-208, as amended by Executive Order 24-209, regarding Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine that made landfall as Category 4 Hurricane Helene, affecting most of the State of Florida, declaring a state of emergency for Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 24-208 designated the Executive Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Division”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in section 252.36(6)-(12), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2. F. of Executive Order 24-208 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, Governor DeSantis authorized the State

Coordinating Officer to suspend the effect of any statute, rule or order that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay any mitigation, response or recovery action necessary to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with section 403.7071(7), Florida Statutes, which pertains to the optional collection of storm-generated yard trash by debris management service providers, would subject the Division to inordinate delay in taking necessary action for debris removal, and inhibit its ability to maintain a mandatory and continuous debris cleanup effort despite ongoing storm activities.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 4 of Executive Order 24-208 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, find that strict compliance with the following statute would prevent, hinder or delay necessary action by the Division in coping with the emergency:

- 1) Section 403.7071(7), Florida Statutes, as it applies to private solid waste and debris management service providers.

Accordingly, for the duration of Executive Order 24-208, including any extensions thereof, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me thereby, I hereby suspend the effect of the above-referenced statute as it pertains to the Division and only for the limited purpose of facilitating the Division's response to this emergency.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive Order 24-208 expires, to include any extensions thereto.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 6th day of October, 2024, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Kevin Guthrie  
State Coordinating Officer  
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Filed on this date, with  
the designated Division Clerk,  
receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged.



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Division Clerk

Date: October 6, 2024