



Debris Stinks!

Proper Cleanup is the Cure



Did you know ...

Costs for removing debris from public property after a federally-declared event may be reimbursable through FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program.



Why is debris removal after a declaration important?

- Protects the health and safety of citizens
- Reduces threats of additional damage to improved property
- Facilitates restoration of public facilities
- Promotes economic recovery of the community



Removing debris is reimbursable when...

*Eligible funding is requested through a FEMA PA
“Category A” debris removal project*

*Removal is performed according to federal
regulations, policies, and guidelines*



Tips on Eligible Debris Removal

- Category A debris removal is **emergency work** which must be completed within **6 months of declaration date**
- Removal of debris must address an immediate threat to health and safety or economic recovery
- Removal process must be well-managed and monitored with quantities and procedures accurately documented
- Debris must be properly disposed of according to environmental regulations



Types of Debris Eligible for Removal

- Household trash
- Vegetative debris – including hanging limbs, leaning trees, and hazardous stumps
- Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris - leave behinds of homes and other structures
- White goods – refrigerators, stoves, A/C, water heaters, and other large household appliances
- Cars, trucks, boats, or other stranded and damaged vehicles and vessels
- Oil spills or other hazardous industrial waste
- Electronics – computers, televisions, stereos, cellular phones
- Household hazardous waste – cleaners, paints, batteries, insecticides, medicine
- Mud, sludge, silt, sand, rock and boulder deposits



Cradle

Debris must be tracked and properly documented from collection to final disposal.



Grave




What must be tracked?

Collection Locations

- Throughout community
- Specific areas
- Specific addresses
- Site-specific GPS locations


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TRUCK #		CONTRACTOR
TRUCK CAPACITY	DRIVER NAME	
		DRIVER LICENSE #
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What must be tracked?

Amount collected
and disposed of
– cubic yards (CY)

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What must be tracked?

Types of debris

Must be separated by type →

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What must be tracked?

Who collected the debris

- Contractors
- Employees
- Hired labor
- Mutual Aid

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What must be tracked?

Final disposal site

- Name of facility
- Licensing information
- Notation of special certifications

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Applicants are required to monitor all contracted debris removal operations to ensure quantities and work claimed are eligible and accurate.

Debris Monitors



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What is monitored?

- Debris types
- Quantities
- Quantities reduced
- Reduction methods
- Pickup locations
- Disposal sites



If an Applicant does not properly monitor contracted debris removal, PA funding for the work is jeopardized.

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What types of Debris are Ineligible for Removal?



- Waste from farms or agricultural lands
- Refuse from natural, unimproved or unmaintained areas
- Trash unrelated to the declared event
- Deposits in federally maintained navigable waterways
- Deposits in flood control works under specific authority of NCRS

(National Resources Conservation Service)

PPDR

Private Property Debris Removal

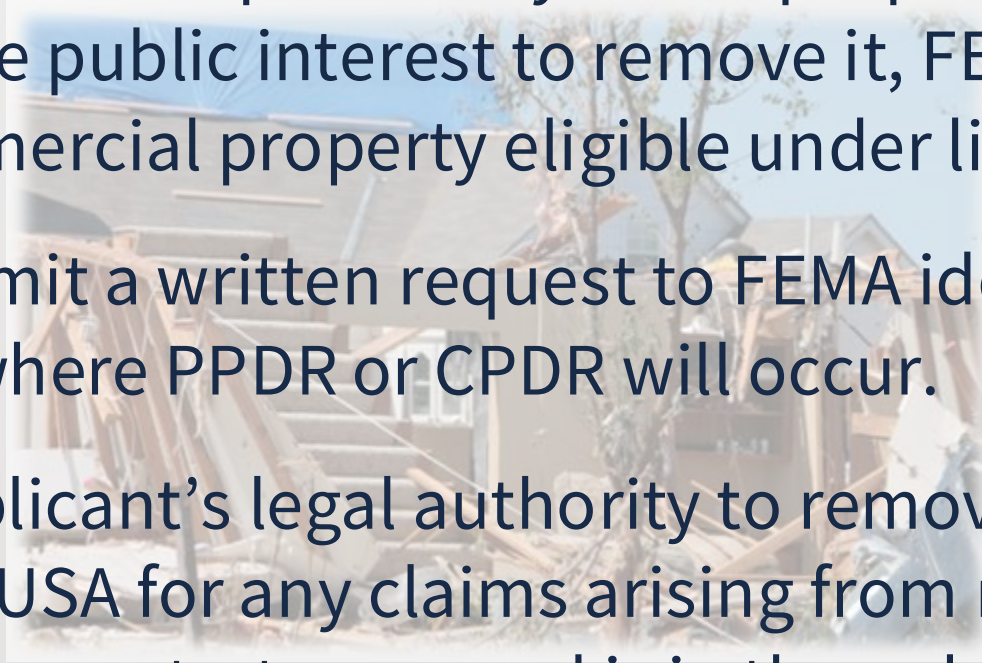
Generally considered the responsibility of the property owner, if debris is so widespread it is in the public interest to remove it, FEMA may deem removal from private or commercial property eligible under limited circumstances.

Applicants must submit a written request to FEMA identifying specific properties or areas where PPDR or CPDR will occur.

- Document Applicant's legal authority to remove debris
- Indemnify the USA for any claims arising from removal
- Adequately demonstrate removal is in the public interest
 - Health and safety hazard
 - Deterrent to economic recovery

CPDR

Commercial Property Debris Removal



Don't Forget!



PERMITS are required for all debris disposal sites – **temporary and permanent**.

- Consider selecting local permitted dump sites for permanent disposals.
- Identify temporary “debris staging” sites *before* they are needed, then secure permitting through Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Regarding **WATERWAY** debris removal:

- Ensure the bodies of water are under your legal authority to maintain
- Contact National Resource Conservation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.



Procurement and Contracting

Contracts for debris removal and monitoring must be competitively procured per federal acquisition regulations (FAR) – 2 CFR §§ 200.217–327

Applicants may follow established procurement policies provided these policies meet or exceed federal standards.



For your consideration...

Does your agency have a Debris Management Plan?

- Who will lead debris removal operations?
- Does your agency employ a licensed environmentalist?
- How and where will removed debris be disposed?
- Is it prudent to establish contractual agreements now?
 - Removal and hauling vendors
 - Experienced monitoring contractors



Questions?

Contact VDEM

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