



Citizens Guide to Disaster Debris Removal

Cleaning up after a disaster can be a monumental task. The first step is to **clear the roads** for search and rescue efforts and to gain access to critical facilities to help expedite the recovery. This may take a few days to accomplish but is necessary for residents to safely return and begin their own recovery efforts.

The next step is to **collect and dispose** of the disaster related debris. A disaster can generate an unprecedented volume of debris and requires a coordinated collection effort. **When the county activates its debris management plan** and begins collecting disaster debris, residents will be instructed to place their debris in sorted piles at the Right-of-Way for collection by debris crews (*see other side*). This debris will be systematically collected and taken to a temporary storage

site from which it will be ultimately recycled or disposed.

In general, municipal residents should contact their city for information on debris removal. If you are uncertain if your property is unincorporated or within a municipality, visit **www.pinellascounty.org/resident/unincorporated_areas.htm**

Residents should gather disaster related debris from their property and, if instructed, move it to the nearest ROW for collection. **Not every event will result in a debris operation or in the same items being accepted at the curb.** Specific instructions on what can be moved to the ROW for collection will be provided through the media and at **www.pinellascounty.org** prior to the start of the collection operation.

Picking up the pieces: *Putting your debris at the curb for pickup*

More manageable—

Follow these guidelines when putting out your debris to make for a speedier and less costly clean-up.

Do not stack debris

against trees, poles, fire hydrants and storm drains.

No sidewalk

Place your debris in segregated piles within 10 feet of the curb.

For more information, contact

Pinellas County
Public Works
at (727) 464-8900,
or visit
www.pinellascounty.org/publicworks

Place food waste in normal trash and recyclables in recycling containers for collection by your resident trash hauler.

NOTE: Will not be picked up with debris

- Unusable food items
- Wet or mildewed newspaper
- Card board, etc.

Appliances

- Refrigerators; Remove all food and remove or secure doors.
- Washer/dryers
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Water heaters
- Dishwashers

Structural debris/bulky waste

- Building material
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

Electronics

- Televisions
- Computers

Vegetation debris

- Tree branches
- Leaves
- Logs

Any debris placed beyond 10 feet of the curb will not be picked up

NO PICK-UP

Within 10 feet of curb
PICK-UP
(Right-of-Way)

Please Note: Not all events or storms will warrant the implementation of the Debris Management Plan. The decision to implement this plan is based on many variables, such as magnitude of the storm and volumes of debris generated. Residents will be advised whether or not Pinellas County will implement the Debris Management Plan using local media outlets and Marketing and Communications sources. If the plan is not implemented, residents should follow their normal waste collection company's guidance on debris collection.

