

TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Debris Clean-up After Flood Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Recommendations

- See TCEQ Guidance: Managing Debris from Texas Wildfires (much applies to flooding as well).
SEPARATE WASTE TYPES AND DISPOSE PROPERLY
 - Brush and other vegetative debris (preferred: chip and site and spread as mulch)
 - Construction-demolition debris (preferred: recycle or dispose of in appropriate type of landfill depending on the type of material)
 - Special wastes
 - Refrigerators and air conditioners (ensure refrigerant is recovered if possible)
 - Other appliances and metals (recycle)
 - Flooded vehicles, fuel tanks, compressed gas containers (recycle)
 - Other automotive materials (lead acid batteries, etc.) (recycle)
 - Electronic wastes (TVs, CRTs, etc)
 - Household hazardous wastes (see below)

- **IN GENERAL, CLEAN-UP OF FLOOD-DAMAGED PROPERTIES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LAND-OWNER.** Options may include:
 - Waste disposal through normal waste collection
 - Homeowners' or business insurance
 - Personal resources
 - FEMA and State assistance (if disaster declaration)
 - Assistance from nongovernmental charitable organizations
 - Other assistance – to be determined

- Travis County will clear debris from county roadways and rights of way to
 - Restore access for emergency services vehicles and
 - Restore access residents and business owners.

- **FLOOD DEBRIS, INCLUDING DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND FURNISHINGS FROM FLOOD-DAMAGED STRUCTURES, VEHICLES, ETC. AND BRUSH CUT FROM PROPERTIES SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY OR RIGHT OF WAY WITHOUT EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE COUNTY.**

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
 - Scan debris of flooded structures for household hazardous wastes. Separate if practical.

