

# Do You Have Household and Construction Debris To Clean Up After a Flood?

## Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources Department Natural Resources & Environmental Quality Recommendations

- **PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT, 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
  - Assistance from nongovernmental charitable organizations
  - FEMA and State assistance (if there is a disaster declaration)
- **Travis County will clear debris from county roadways and rights of way to**
  - Restore access for emergency services vehicles and
  - Restore access for residents and business owners.
- **FLOOD DEBRIS, INCLUDING DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND FURNISHINGS FROM FLOOD-DAMAGED STRUCTURES, VEHICLES, ETC. AND BRUSH CUT FROM PROPERTIES SHOULD NEVER BE PLACED IN THE ROADWAY OR RIGHT OF WAY.**
- **Please dispose of waste and debris properly. Use your regular waste hauler if possible OR you may transport your own residential waste to a proper disposal or recycling location.**
- **THE COUNTY MAY AUTHORIZE ASSISTANCE WITH DEBRIS DISPOSAL. If so, you may move these materials to the edge of the right of way. BUT do not place them in the roadway.**

Household trash, home furnishings, carpets etc. can go in garbage dumpsters.

### Separate the following:

- Brush and other vegetative debris
- Construction-demolition debris
- Special wastes
  - Refrigerators and air conditioners
  - Other appliances and metals
  - Automotive materials (lead acid batteries, etc.)
  - Electronic wastes (TVs, CRTs, etc. – see below)
  - Household hazardous wastes (see below)
- **The County will not remove flooded vehicles, boats, trailers, tires, fuel tanks, or compressed gas containers. Salvage operators will be willing and able to take these materials. If necessary, the County may help arrange for salvagers to come in.**
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Wastes**
  - Separate these from trash if practical.
  - Travis County residents may dispose of separated HHW at the City of Austin HHW facility.

- For electronic wastes (anything that plugs in), County residents may drop off accepted items at the City of Austin Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.

**NOTE: The City of Austin's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW) and the Resource Recovery Center (RRC) have merged into the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. All services previously available at HHW and the RRC are still available at the Drop-Off Center:**

2514 Business Center Drive  
Austin, 78744

- Alternatively, Travis County may make arrangement for curbside collection of HHW and Electronic wastes in cooperation with Austin Resource Recovery or through a Travis County contract.
- **Please note: The Travis County Commissioners Court may authorize assistance with flood debris and waste removal on private property for flood-affected residents who need help because of lack of insurance, financial hardship or emergency conditions. This requires an action of the Commissioners Court.**

***Free language assistance can be provided upon request.***

***Ayuda gratuita en su idioma se puede proporcionar por petición.***