

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
 - FEMA and State assistance (if there is a 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 for 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.**
- **Please separate waste types and dispose of them properly. Use your regular waste hauler if possible OR you may transport your own residential waste to a proper disposal or recycling location.**
 - 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)
- **Please note: The Travis County Commissioners Court may authorize assistance with flood debris and waste removal for flood-affected residents who need help because of costs or emergency conditions. This requires an action of the Commissioners Court.**

- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**

- Scan debris for household hazardous wastes. Separate if practical.
- Property owner may dispose of separated HHW at City of Austin HHW facility
- Alternatively, Travis County may make arrangement for curbside collection of HHW in cooperation with Austin Resource Recovery or through a Travis County contract, for flood-affected properties only.
- For the general population, not directly affected by flood, County may consider scheduling a HHW batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze collection event.