

## Public Information Concerning Disaster Debris Pickup

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, the State of Connecticut has coordinated a debris management program. Under this program, contractors are available at the discretion of each municipality to work with cities and towns to pickup disaster debris from residential properties. There are certain requirements for the segregation of wastes that should be followed so you can maximize your town's eligibility for FEMA reimbursement after a disaster declaration has been made, and ensure your waste is acceptable for collection. Not all types of waste pickup are eligible for FEMA reimbursement. This guidance applies only to waste generated as a result of the storm. .

Here is what you need to know about putting debris out for pickup:

- **The Right Place:** Do not place debris in the road. Place debris at the curb – in the public right-of-way between the curb and the sidewalk or right on top of the curb if there is no sidewalk.
- Do not block either the street or sidewalk with debris. Do not let debris block mailboxes, electric and water meters, fire hydrants or storm drains.
- During the debris removal process you may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Crews will have flag-persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operation. Please be cautious when passing and use slow speeds in these areas.
- It is likely that multiple passes or sweeps will be made over several weeks. This means that residents may have several opportunities to place debris along the right-of-way in front of their house.
- **Sort and Segregate:** It is important to keep categories of debris separate. Sort debris into separate piles for:
  - **Vegetation**
    - Tree trunks & branches, leaves, brush
  - **Spoiled food/contaminated recyclables**
    - Wet newspapers or cardboard, unusable food items
  - **Structural debris/bulky waste**
    - Drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, roofing, insulation
  - **Appliances**
    - Refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers
  - **Electronics**
    - TVs, computers, stereos, telephones
  - **Household hazardous waste**
    - Oils, batteries, pesticides, paints

Note: The items listed under each category are not all-inclusive but examples.  
For further information, contact your local town or city hall. Attached is a diagram that shows you how to segregate your wastes for pickup.

