

Dealing with Tree and Vegetative Disaster Debris



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Our trees and landscaping add beauty and provide invaluable services to our communities, but tree debris after storms can be a challenge! While it's always important to check with your local government or waste hauler on specific requirements, **here are a few recommendations for dealing with tree and vegetative debris.**



Keep it Separated!

Disasters create a lot of debris; not all of it is treated the same. Help expedite removal by separating vegetative debris from other sources of residential waste and other disaster debris.



Break it Down Now!

When possible, cut trees and branches to manageable pieces and separate the root ball. Requirements vary, but creating sections 3 feet or less is a good rule of thumb.



Put it in its Place!

While the correct place for vegetative debris may differ between communities, it is generally placed at the edge of the property, without blocking roads, sidewalks, or ditches or leaning on anything.



Bundle, Don't Bag!

Neat bundles or piles are preferable for easy identification and disposal. For items that are bagged (leaves, etc.), consider using clear bags for easy sorting.