

Harris County Debris Management Update

September 16, 2008 (Harris County, TX) – Harris County debris removal operations are underway. Presently, roads are being cleared. It is expected that collection of storm- related debris from the curbs of private residences will begin approximately 2-3 days after road hazards are fully cleared.

Only debris resulting from storm damage is eligible for pick up. Debris generated from contractor repairs are encouraged to be disposed of by the contractor, and are ineligible for County pick-up.

In order to expedite the safe removal of debris from public rights-of-way, Unincorporated Harris County residents should separate debris into the following 3 separate piles of materials when placing the debris on their curb:

- **VEGETATIVE:** Fallen trees, limbs, and leaves (bagged when possible).
- **CONSTRUCTION/ DEMOLITION:** Lumber and other structural debris from docks, fencing, etc.; Storm damaged furniture; Storm damaged roof material (for example- shingles that fell during the storm, NOT debris from roof repairs)
- **WHITE GOODS:** Large appliances that have become inoperative due to the storm.

For storm damaged household hazardous waste (e.g.- toxic chemicals from your home that are labeled “danger, caution, poison, etc.), please contact the Harris County Watershed Protection Group for disposal options at 713-290-3000.

Please do not block traffic with debris piles. Keep piles away from mail boxes, fire hydrants, TV/ phone/ cable boxes, etc.