

# SCEMD RECOVERY UPDATE

October 8, 2015

## DISASTER DECLARATION UPDATE

Following the initial declaration for FEMA-4241-DR-SC, there have been some counties added as of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional designations include Calhoun, Clarendon Darlington, Florence, Kershaw, Lee, Orangeburg, and Sumter counties.

Residents of any declared counties are encouraged to register for assistance online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

There have not been any new designations for Public Assistance (PA) over the past day, but we are continuing damage assessments to get counties added and are working to amend the declaration to include all categories of eligible work for all impacted areas.

From the date of the declaration, applicants have thirty (30) days in order to complete the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form. This can be emailed to [esf14a@emd.sc.gov](mailto:esf14a@emd.sc.gov) or sent as a fax to (803) 737-8570. Furthermore, Private Non-Profit (PNP) entities need to complete the PNP Facility Questionnaire and include the following information:

1. Letter from the IRS granting exemption from 501 (c), (d), or (e), or other evidence from the State that the organization is a non-profit
2. Articles of Incorporation
3. Corporate Charter

## A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

There are many considerations to constantly keep in mind as South Carolina continues moving into the recovery process. We will highlight a few here:

### Incident Period

The incident period for this disaster began on October 1<sup>st</sup> and is still ongoing. Additional updates will be provided if and when changes to the incident period are enacted.

### Priority of Work

Damage assessments are being completed based on the severity of the flooding. All impacted counties will be assessed, and all efforts are being made to effectively complete damage assessments as quickly as possible.

### Considering all Categories of Work

It is very important that you consider all categories of work when completing your damage assessments. While some work such as debris removal and road work may seem more apparent, it is important to capture and document all emergency activities, and also begin the process of assessing damage to facilities.

As a reminder, just-in-time training is continuing through the end of this week. Also, please continue to send your reports to either Elizabeth Roberts or Allen Fountain following damage assessments.

Dial-in numbers for just-in-time training:  
803-726-9796  
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And then enter code 274829

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## National Flood Insurance Program

Here are some important points to take into account concerning the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for governments and citizens:

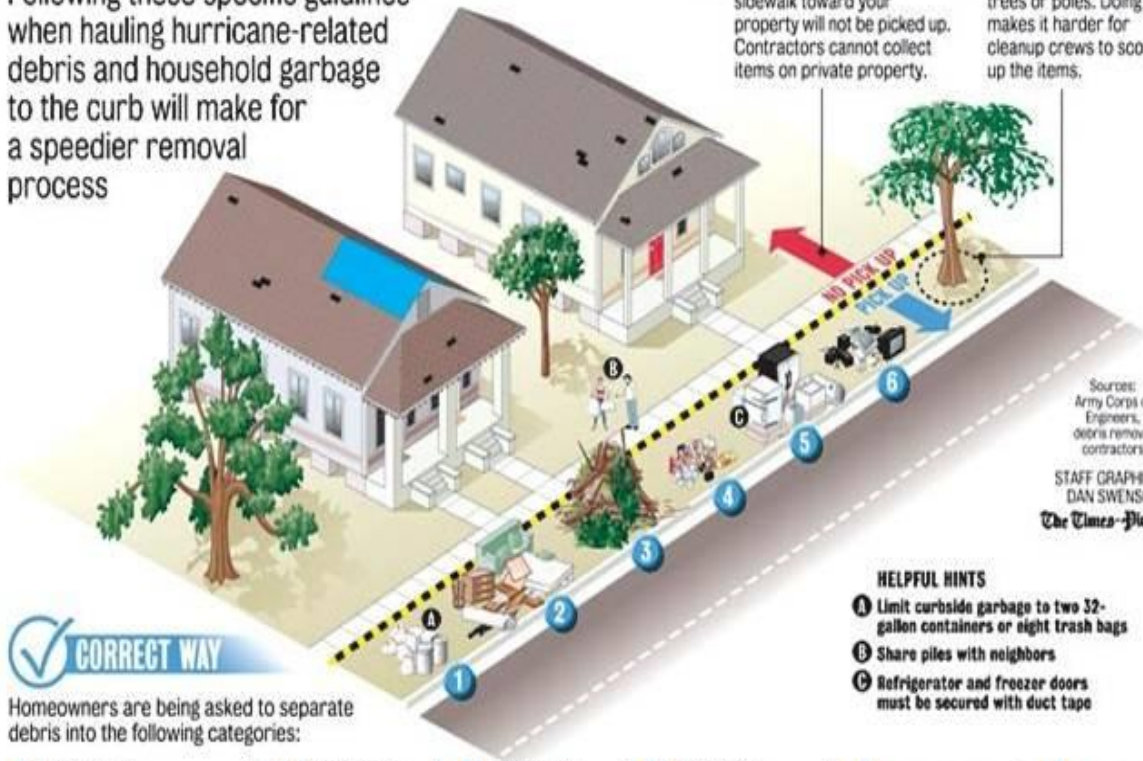
- If ANY home in the floodplain is more than 50% damaged in the flood, it is required to meet the current code, even if it was previously grandfathered in, regardless of whether the owner(s) have flood insurance.
- Local floodplain administrators need to complete a Substantial Damage Estimate to determine if the home meets that threshold BEFORE repair work begins, and before a permit can be issued for this work.
- If a homeowner doesn't want to wait for the community to complete the assessment, they can conduct their own through a licensed appraiser or contractor and submit it to the permitting authorities / building officials.
- Homeowners can perform minor cleaning (but NO repairs) before this assessment is completed.

## Debris Management Considerations

Effectively managing your debris makes for a much more efficient recovery process. Reference the graphic on the next page of this newsletter for guidance on hauling and separating debris.

# PICKING UP THE PIECES

Following these specific guidelines when hauling hurricane-related debris and household garbage to the curb will make for a speedier removal process



## WRONG WAY

### CROSSING THE LINE

➤ Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up. Contractors cannot collect items on private property.

### PROPPING UP

➤ Do not set debris against trees or poles. Doing so makes it harder for cleanup crews to scoop up the items.

## CORRECT WAY

Homeowners are being asked to separate debris into the following categories:

### 1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

- Bagged trash
- Discarded food
- Packaging, papers
- All garbage should be placed curbside the night before the scheduled weekly pickup.

### 2 CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

- Building materials
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Carpet
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Plumbing

### 3 VEGETATION DEBRIS

- Tree branches
- Leaves
- Logs

### 4 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Oils
- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Paints
- Cleaning supplies
- Compressed gas

### 5 'WHITE' GOODS

- Refrigerators
- Washers, dryers
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Water heaters
- Dishwashers

### 6 ELECTRONICS

- Televisions
- Computers
- Radios
- Stereos
- DVD players
- Telephones

### HELPFUL HINTS

- Ⓐ Limit curbside garbage to two 32-gallon containers or eight trash bags
- Ⓑ Share piles with neighbors
- Ⓒ Refrigerator and freezer doors must be secured with duct tape

Sources:  
Army Corps of  
Engineers,  
debris removal  
contractors

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