



LDEQ encourages proper separation of trash, chemicals and debris after a storm or flood

With Hurricane Ida impacting much of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) encourages residents across the state to be mindful of the proper separation and disposal of debris. Additionally, please be aware of COVID-19 risks. Remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing whenever possible during debris removal work.

Debris removal operations generally occur in two phases: (1) initial debris clearance activities necessary to eliminate life and safety threats; and (2) debris removal activities (the initial pickup will be vegetative debris). During the removal efforts, contractors will make multiple passes in the coming weeks. There are several reasons why debris is not removed during the first few passes. These include: debris that is mixed and unknown, debris that has visible utility lines, bagged debris, stumps (separate removal effort), or the debris is ineligible. Ineligible debris includes: debris related to reconstruction efforts, debris from undeveloped properties, debris from a contracted demolition, restoration or construction effort, non-storm related debris, or debris from commercial sites.

What can residents do?

During the aftermath of a flood, tropical storm or hurricane, carefully sort any trash, household chemicals, appliances/white goods and debris into separate, distinct piles and place them curbside for proper disposal. Residents should place debris as close to the roadside as possible without placing it in the roadway, ditches or in front of drains and/or catch basins. Additionally, please do not place debris on or near fire hydrants. It is extremely important that residents separate debris by type, as described below, to help expedite the pick-up process. Vegetative debris, such as tree limbs, should be separated from other construction and demolition debris. White goods, such as refrigerators and freezers, should also be emptied out and secured shut before being placed roadside separately from other debris piles. Debris removal contractors will not collect bagged household garbage. These items should be placed in a residential garbage can and placed roadside on your normal garbage collection day.

Please note, state contractors cannot come onto private property to collect debris.

“Even though we know these are trying times for everyone, the extra effort to do the debris separation at the curb goes a long way toward aiding the cleanup solution,” LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown said.

Separate your waste into the following categories:

- Household trash: Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up as part of debris collection. This will be collected on your normal garbage removal schedule.
- Vegetative debris: Includes branches and limbs, logs, plants and leaves.
- Construction and Demolition debris: Materials that are an integral part of the structure such as Sheetrock/drywall, plaster, lumber, plumbing, insulation or brick.
- White goods: Air conditioners, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, water heaters.

- Electronics: Computers, radios, televisions, devices with a cord, etc.
- Household Hazardous Waste: Cleaning supplies, batteries, lawn chemicals, oil, paint and stain, pesticides, vehicle fluids.

Since household chemicals can become hazardous in storm-damaged homes and businesses, please ensure you seal, secure and properly dispose of those items, so that they do not create a health and environmental hazard.

If possible, label all containers clearly before placing them out for disposal. Ensure that all food and liquids are removed from refrigerators and freezers before moving those appliances to the curb.

Ineligible Debris Types (These items will not be removed by Louisiana DOTD):

- Any debris originating from restoration/construction activities such as new roofs, new siding, etc.
- Any debris that originates from any undeveloped properties such as pastures, agricultural fields, timber land, etc.
- Any debris that is being generated from a contracted demolition, restoration, and construction work.
- Any non-storm or disaster-related debris.
- Any debris originating from commercial sites including the following: Businesses, Gas stations, Shopping centers, Strip malls, Mobile home parks, Apartments, Hotels/Motels, Industrial & Manufacturing Facilities.

LDEQ would also like to remind residents that any open burning of household waste (in the form of solids, liquids and gases) and solid waste (including discarded chemicals) is **ILLEGAL IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA** – regardless of what parish in which it occurs and whether or not it’s conducted on private property. There are no exceptions.

For more information on debris management and re-entry after a storm or flood, please view the disaster debris management page <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/disaster-debris-management>.

Check out LDEQ’s YouTube videos for tips on debris separation and open burning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oA5TN-tIKGU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yunEs3aYGY>

<https://ladotd-state-highway-reporting-ds.hub.arcgis.com/>

Visit <https://hurricanerecovery.la.gov/> for more Hurricane Ida updates.

Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE

Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION

Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN

Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?

If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.



HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up as part of debris collection. This will be collected on your normal garbage removal schedule.



VEGETATIVE DEBRIS

- Branches
- Limbs
- Logs
- Plants
- Leaves (unbagged)



CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

Materials that are an integral part of the structure such as:

- Sheetrock/Drywall
- Plaster
- Lumber
- Plumbing
- Insulation
- Brick

*C&D debris does not include carpet, furniture, mattresses, and regulated asbestos containing material.



WHITE GOODS

- Air Conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers & Dryers
- Water Heaters



ELECTRONICS

- Computers
- Radios
- Televisions
- Devices with a cord



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Cleaning Supplies
- Batteries
- Lawn Chemicals
- Oil
- Paint & Stain
- Pesticides
- Vehicle Fluids

WASTE PERMITS DIVISION
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ZONA QUE NO SERA RECOGIDA
Cualquier escombros colocado desde la acera hacia su propiedad no serán recogida.

SEPARACIÓN DE ESCOMBROS

Separe los escombros en las 6 categorías mencionadas abajo.

NO APILE O RECUESTE

Colocación de escombros cerca de o en árboles, postes, u otras estructuras yo que dificulte el removerlos. Esto incluye hidrantes y medidores de agua y gas.

¿INSEGURO DE DONDE PONER LOS ESCOMBROS?

Si no tienes una acera, zanja o línea de servicio público frente a su casa, coloque los escombros en el borde de su propiedad antes de la acera.



BASURA DOMÉSTICA NORMAL

Basura doméstica y bolsas de basura de cualquier tipo no serán recogidas como parte de este programa. Debe seguir su programa normal de retiro de basura.



ESCOMBROS VEGETATIVOS

- Hojas (no las ponga en bolsas)
- Troncos
- Plantas
- Ramas de arboles



MATERIALES QUE SON PARTE DEL EDIFICIO COMO

- Paneles de yeso
- Madera
- Material de aislamiento
- Artículos de plomería
- Ladrillos

*Escombros de construcción no incluye: muebles, alfombras, colchones y productos y materiales que contienen asbestos.



ENSERES Y ELECTRODOMÉSTICOS

- Aire acondicionados
- Lavadoras de platos
- Congeladores
- Refrigeradores
- Fogón/Estufa
- Lavadoras, secadoras
- Calentadores de agua



ELECTRÓNICA

- Computadoras
- Radios
- Equipos de sonido
- Televisores
- Otros artículos con cordones eléctricos



DESPERDICIOS PELIGROSOS DEL HOGAR

- Materiales de limpieza
- Baterías
- Químicos del patio
- Aceites
- Pinturas de aceite
- Pesticidas

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Durante eliminación de escombros y basura, debería tomarse precauciones de Covid-19, uso de mascara es necesario. Mantener el distanciamiento social siempre que sea posible.