

Planning and Project Management Department



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bastrop County, Texas- Bastrop County announced today the roll-out of the County Debris Management Program for the Bastrop County Fire Complex and the Union Chapel Fire Complex. Under this program, residents affected by the fires are encouraged to place their debris on the County right-of-way for pick up. The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement.

County Judge Ronnie McDonald stated, “this is an important step in the recovery and rebuilding of Bastrop County. With this program we will be cleaning up our roads and picking up debris placed in the right-of-way by landowners. We are working to support people rebuilding their homes in Bastrop County as quickly and safely as possible.”

While Bastrop County residents are encouraged to participate, there are a few rules which must be followed. For example, all debris types (vegetative, construction, cement and appliances) must be separated when placed in the right-of-way. Do not worry if all your debris is not picked up during the initial pick-up, please continue to push remaining debris to the right-of-way for collection on subsequent pick-ups.

County Engineer Ronnie Moore also wants to remind everyone to make every attempt to keep debris out of the roads and away from utilities such as water meter vaults and fire hydrants and do not bury material on private property. In addition, residents are reminded that bagged debris, household garbage and household hazardous waste will not be picked up by the County.

Over the last two weeks, the County has been working diligently with representatives from various State of Texas and Federal agencies on debris management issues. The County has met with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to implement a program that addresses the entire debris field in the environmentally sensitive area impacted by the fire.

A copy of the Bastrop County Debris Management Program flyer is attached. For more information residents may call toll-free 1-866-669-6658.

For information on debris management contact: 1-866-669-6658



BASTROP COUNTY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bastrop County is providing debris removal for residents impacted by the Bastrop County Fire Complex and Union Chapel Fire Complex disasters.

Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection.

INSTRUCTIONS:

DO:

- Place debris on the right-of-way in front of your property in **SEGREGATED** piles
- Segregate vegetative debris (trees, limbs, shrubs) from other debris
- Cut vegetative debris into up to 8 foot pieces
- Segregate construction and demolition debris (building materials, bricks, etc.) from other debris
- Segregate cement slab pieces from other debris
- Segregate appliances (refrigerator, washer, etc.) from other debris

DO NOT:

- **DO NOT** place bagged debris on the public right-of-way; only loose debris will be collected
- **DO NOT** place household hazardous waste on the right-of-way, the County has a separate program for this
- **DO NOT** place fire related debris near a water meter vault, a fire hydrant or other above ground utility
- **DO NOT** place household garbage in the right-of-way for the County to pick up

For more information:

www.co.bastrop.tx.us/bcdisaster
Debris Management Hotline: 1-866-669-6658