

# **ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF "UNINCORPORATED" OKALOOSA COUNTY**

## **SUBJECT: HURRICANE INFORMATION - DEBRIS REMOVAL**

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- Only two (2) passes will be made along every eligible public street
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- Where collection begins depends on which areas have the greatest damage

### **In order to expedite the safe removal of debris from "public" right of ways, residents should:**

- Separate debris into two types of material: VEGETATIVE and MIXED DEBRIS
- Vegetative debris consists of trees (8 to 10 foot lengths), stumps, limbs (8 to 10 foot lengths), brush and leaves (bagged). NOTE: This does not include treated lumber.
- Mixed debris consists of treated lumber from docks, boardwalks, fencing, etc., metals, structural debris from buildings or homes, appliances, etc.  
NOTE: This does not include household hazardous waste.

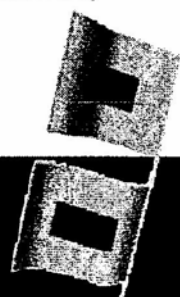
**DO NOT BLOCK TRAFFIC WITH DEBRIS PILES & KEEP PILES AWAY FROM MAIL BOXES, FIRE HYDRANTS, TV/PHONE/CABLE BOXES, POWER BOXES LIFT STATIONS, ETC.**

Individuals desiring to haul their own debris away to a disposal site may do so at a site designated by the county. Residents should look and listen for public service announcements or call the disaster hotline. Disaster hotline number to be provided at the time of the declaration.

Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticide, pool chemicals, oil, gas, batteries, old electronics such as computers or TVs, etc.) will not be collected by debris contractors/haulers and must be brought to a drop-off location. For drop-off information, call 651-7395.

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Do not block traffic with debris piles and keep piles away from mail boxes, fire hydrants, TV/phone cable boxes, power boxes, lift stations, etc.

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## AFTER ACTION COMMENTS—HURRICANE IVAN

### Mobilization

- Start debris collection 5 to 7 days after event (T)
- Advanced party arrives T+2
- Debris disposal site ready NLT T+4
- Truck measurement begins T+4
- Phone contact T+ 1(2) (Satellite phone)

### Communications

- Suggest Satellite phones
- Temporary contract from radio links for monitors and County point of contacts and debris contractor.
- Meeting twice weekly after collection begins.
- Central point of contact for crews and monitors with meeting prior to movement.
- Provide point of contacts with mapping system utilizing GPS.
- One mapping system utilized throughout (11x17)
- Better method of clearing streets as finished (palm pilots with GPS interface.
- Update public and private roads
- PSA's
- Education prior to event.
- Plan by Category

### Operations

- Tickets
- Maintain continuity between crews and monitors and zones.
- Exit strategy pre-planned.
- No choke points
- No hand loaders--all mechanical
- Only logs and stumps to be left for last.
- Debris removal timed to allow for 10 day to 2 weeks prior to second pass.

### Financial

- Misty to draft a sample ticket.
- FEMA spreadsheet
  - Eliminate location
  - Get FEMA clarification!!!
  - Further breakdown of spreadsheets/
  - Staff of administration people.
  - Expenses captured as "per diem"
- Trucks don't roll until accounting procedures are in place.