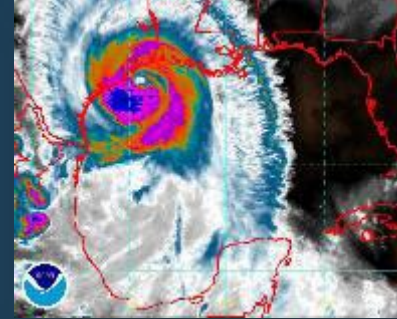


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Debris Management in Response to Flooding

WEBINAR DATE:

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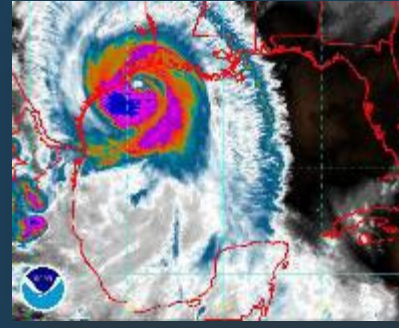
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10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



Agenda

1. Recent flooding incidents
2. Assessing the damage
3. Types of flood debris
4. Considerations with flood debris
5. Environmental considerations
6. Waterway debris removal programs
7. Substantial damage estimates



Part 1: Recent Flooding Events



Central Texas Floods

- July 4, 2025
- Rounds of flooding
- Huge debris field
- Affecting multiple counties

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Search for flood victims slowed by mountains of debris as thousands descend on Kerr County to assist

Crews are using construction equipment to clear vehicles, trees and homes in a race to locate more than 170 people still missing since Friday's devastating flood.

BY PAUL COBLER JULY 10, 2025 1 PM CENTRAL

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Search and recovery teams along the Guadalupe River in Kerrville on July 7, 2025, three days after the flood that has claimed more

San Angelo, Texas Flooding

- July 4, 2025
- Thousands of structures impacted.



Pinellas County, Florida

- Storm surge flooding from Hurricanes Milton and Helene. 41,000 homes impacted.



New Mexico Flood

- July 8, 2025
- 200 homes damaged

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The victims include a man estimated to be between 40 and 50 years old, a 7-year-old boy, and a 4-year-old girl. They were reportedly swept downstream.

El Paso Times

Kansas City, Kansas Flooding

- July 16, 2025
- 10 inches of rain in 12 hours.

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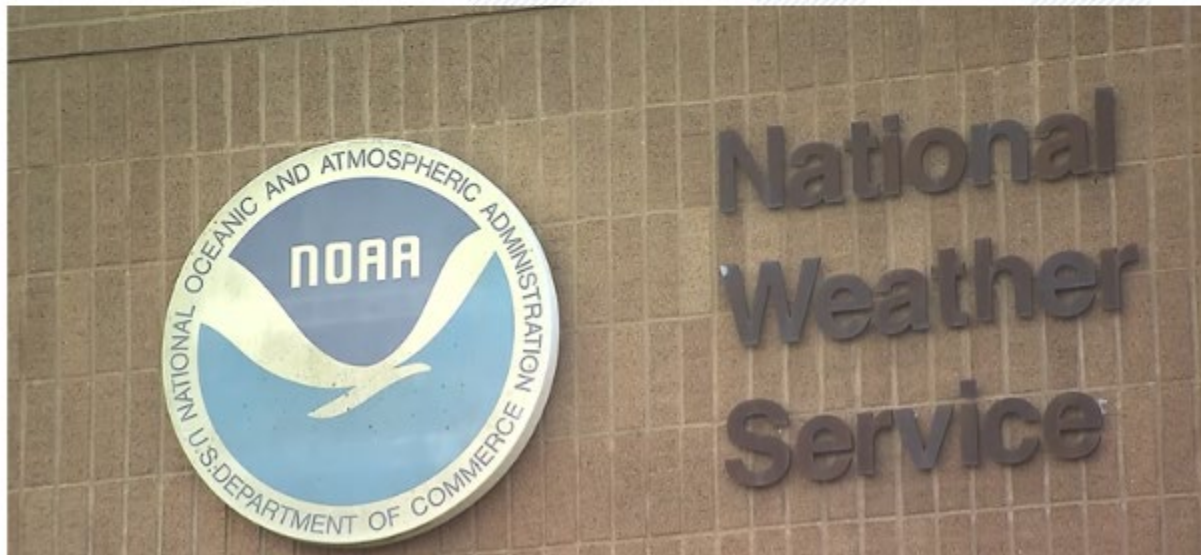
Kansas City, Kansas reports flooding not seen since 1993

by: [Dave D'Marko](#)
Posted: Jul 17, 2025 / 09:57 PM CDT
Updated: Jul 18, 2025 / 01:21 PM CDT



2025 sets new benchmark for flash flood alerts nationwide including in DC, Maryland and Virginia

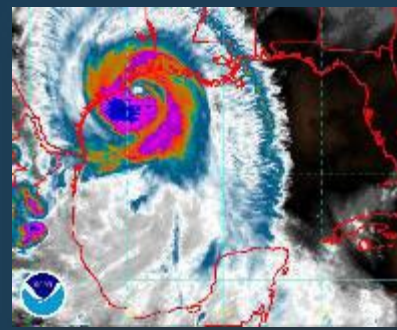
If your phone keeps buzzing with flash flood alerts, you're not just imagining it.



<https://www.wusa9.com/article/weather/record-flash-flood-warnings-2025-dmv-surge/65-20de744f-cf8d-420b-abde-d763992bc158>

When Does Damage Become Extreme Debris?

- Debris quantities are not always rapidly apparent in flood events. Think about Harvey.
- Not all debris overwhelms local crews.
- Sometimes, it can be weeks before damages and debris are realized.
- Sometimes, flooding reports seem worse than in reality.
- And sometimes, bad is really, really, bad.



Part 2: Assessing the Damage



Damage Assessments

- Assessing Storm Damage
- How Fast can you do it?
- Windshield Assessments vs Substantial Damage
- Estimating Debris
- Quality of Data



Damage Assessments



The Purpose of Damage Assessments

- Helps to determine if a disaster declaration should be approved.
- Needed to understand the scope and potential costs of response and recovery.
- Needed to make decisions regarding staffing, equipment, contractors and resource support.



PA Program Delivery Process



PRE-DECLARATION

Preliminary Damage Assessment

State/Territory/Tribe submits Declaration request (within 30 days of incident)

Presidential Declaration

APPLICANT COLLABORATION

Recipient conducts Applicant Briefings

Applicants submit Requests for Public Assistance (within 30 days of Declaration)

FEMA approves Applicant RPAs

FEMA conducts Recovery Scoping Meeting (within 21 days of RPA approval)

SUBAWARD FORMULATION

Applicant identifies and reports all damage (within 60 days of Recovery Scoping Meeting)

Develop project Scope of Work and costs

FEMA and Recipient conduct Exit Briefing

SUBAWARD FUNDING

FEMA obligates funds to Recipient

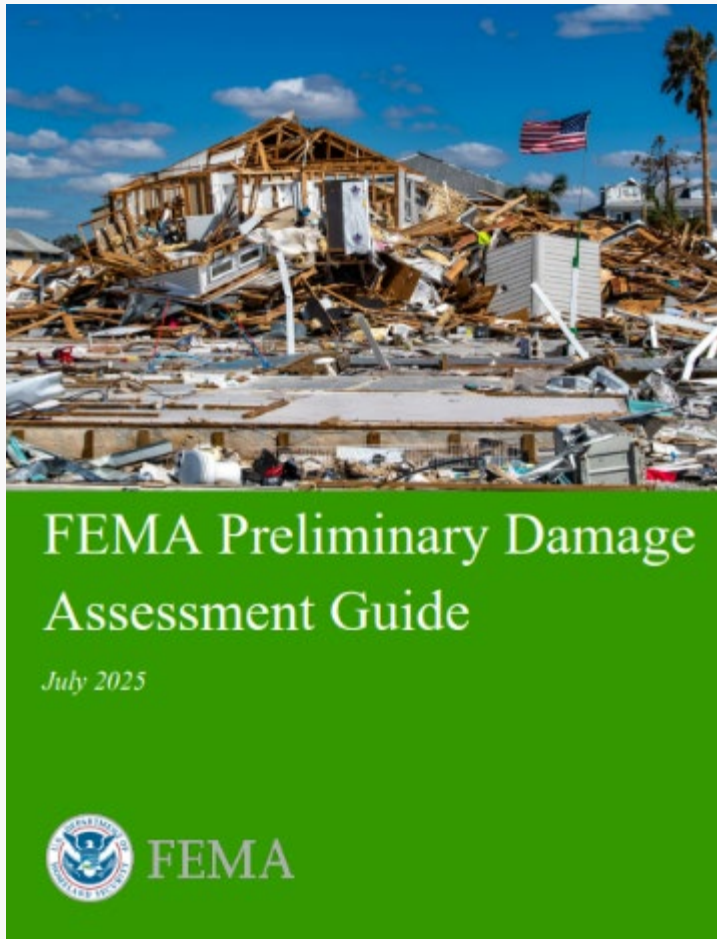
Subrecipient completes work and requests Closeout of its project(s)

Recipient certifies completion (within 180 days of project completion) and FEMA closes project(s)

FEMA closes the Subrecipient

FEMA closes the Disaster PA Program Award

FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment Guide



- Provides guidance to help local, state, , tribal, and federal, partners collect, validate, quantify, and document the cause, location, and details of damage following a disaster.
- July 2025

Flood Damage Assessments

- Much of focus is on high-water levels.
- Assessments for flooding can require more time and resource-intensive door-to-door assessments.
- Areas to assess may be hard to reach due to washed-out or debris blocked roads.

Documenting High Water Marks

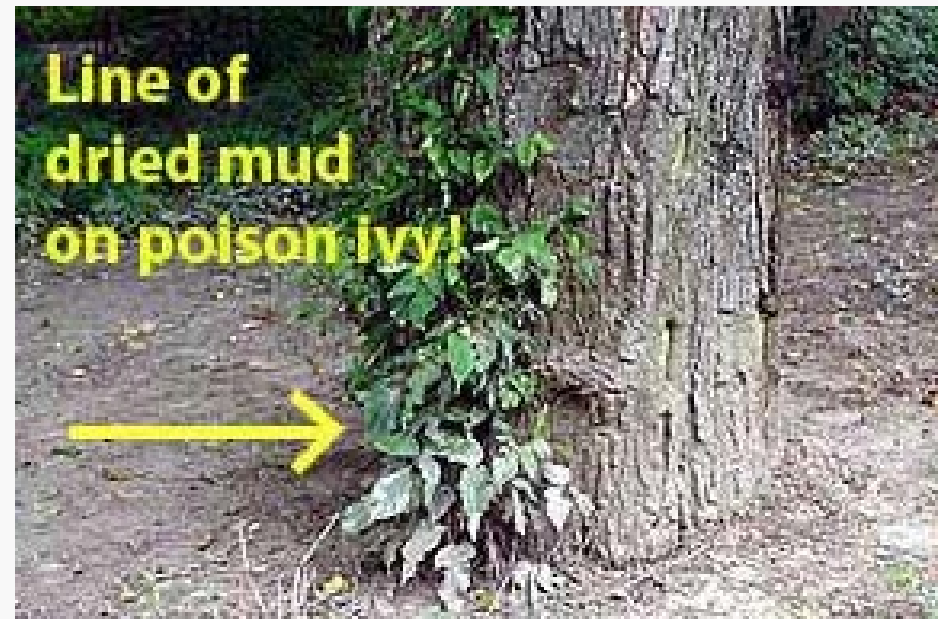
- Take pictures of high-water marks in various places in the flood zone.
- This will help determine the maximum height of a flood event and will assist in estimating damages to structures in the flood zone.



<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/high-water-marks-give-evidence-peak-river-height-a-flood>

Documenting High-Water Marks

- The US Geological Society provides other ways of determining the height of water in a flood.



<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/care-must-be-taken-make-sure-a-high-water-mark-accurate>

Road Damage

- Floodwaters can completely remove sections of the road.
- Water can erode the underlying soil and granular layers beneath the pavement, weakening the road's foundation.



Bridges

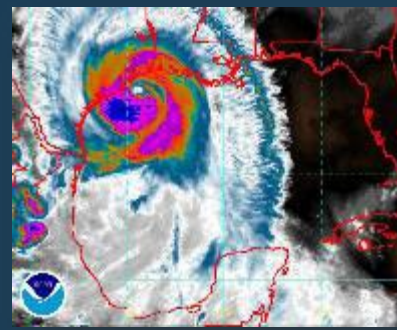
- Examine bridges for scour where the streambed material around bridge piers and abutments have been eroded.
- Over time, scour can lead to bridge failure.



<https://www.fdot.gov/docs/default-source/roadway/drainage/bridgescour/FDOT-Scour-Manual.pdf>

Example: South Texas Flooding 2025





Part 3: Types of Flood Debris.





Vegetative Debris

- Organic matter from plants, such as leaves, branches, and tree limbs.
- Vegetative debris is often collected separately and may be chipped, mulched, composted, or burned.

Construction and Demolition

- Construction and demolition (C&D) debris refers to waste materials generated during the construction, renovation, or demolition of buildings, roads, and other structures.





Construction and Demolition

- Types of C&D can include
 - Drywall
 - Wood
 - Packing material and boxes
 - Plastics
 - Roof shingles and other roofing material
 - Metal
 - Concrete, bricks, and stones
 - Carpeting
 - Furnishings
 - Fixtures

Construction and Demolition

- Some C&D debris can be recycled such as the metals, concrete, and asphalt.
- Some materials might be able to be reused such as bricks, boards, unbroken window, etc.
- If recycling is not possible, waste should be sent to an authorized landfill.

White Goods

- Refrigerants must be removed from refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, etc., before recycling of the metals and/or disposal.



Household Hazardous Waste

- Paints, thinners, and turpentine; furniture strippers; wood preservatives, stains, and finishes.
- Pesticides, insecticides, flea collars and sprays, roach and ant killers, rat and mouse poisons, and herbicides.
- Oven, toilet, drain, and rug and upholstery cleaners.
- Bleaches, disinfectants, and swimming-pool chemicals.
- Floor and furniture polish.
- Household and automobile batteries.
- Fluorescent lamps and compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Automotive products including antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids, motor oil, and gasoline.

Household Hazardous Waste

- Collect HHW separately from other debris.
- Compile the HHW in a staging area for collection and disposal by a contractor.
- City and county officials are encouraged to offer options for collection.



Electronic Waste

- Electronic waste (e-waste) refers to electronics that contain hazardous materials.
- These products contain minerals and chemicals that require specific disposal methods.



Soil, Mud, and Sand

- Document that only the disaster-generated silt and soils are removed.
- Contaminated soils may require special handling depending on the contaminant.
- Verify that any contaminated disaster-generated soils are addressed by specialists from the State's DEQ and/or U.S. Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) and managed appropriately in designated areas.

Derelict Vehicles and Vessels

- Can consist of:
 - Cars
 - Boats
 - Mobile homes



Derelict Vehicles and Vessels



- Coordinate with law enforcement.
- Follow local laws.
- Tag abandoned titled debris.
- Contract with towing company.
- Take to a holding area.
- Attempt to contact owners.
- Remove fluids.
- If owners do not claim it by required waiting period, can proceed with recycling.
- Keep careful records.

Animal Carcasses

- Animal carcasses should be buried in pits or trenches, or by mounding.
- Disposal should always be carried out in a manner that protects public health and safety, does not create a nuisance, and prevents the spread of disease and adverse effects on water quality.
- The owner or operator of a farm or facility is responsible for disposal in a timely and sanitary manner.



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Disposing of Animal Carcasses Left Behind by a Declared Disaster

Here we give tips for dealing with a difficult issue sometimes encountered after a natural or human-caused disaster such as a hurricane, flood, tornado, fire, or explosion, etc.—the safe and proper disposal of carcasses of large animals.

As you return to your property after such an event – even with all the other burdens from this disaster – one of your most important tasks will be to properly dispose of the carcasses of animals that died.

Who is responsible for properly disposing of carcasses?

If you own the land or operate a farm or other facility on it, you are responsible for properly disposing of the carcasses of animals killed in a disaster. It's important to do so quickly but you must also:

- Protect public health and safety.
- Avoid creating a nuisance.
- Prevent the spread of disease.
- Prevent adverse effects on water quality.

Remember: Health and Safety First!

What are my options?

After a storm, hurricane, tornado, etc., your immediate options for disposing of carcasses might be limited:

- Take them to a landfill that can accept them.
- Bury them on your property.

Landfilling carcasses

One of the preferred ways to dispose of animal carcasses is as special waste in an appropriately designed landfill—in legal terms, a Type I or Type I AE landfill that also meets the provisions of Title 30 (30 TAC), Section 330.171(c)(2).

Find a landfill near you in [Active Municipal Solid Waste Landfills GI-611](#).¹

¹ www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/permitting/waste-permits/publications/gi-611-active-msw-landfills.pdf

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Animal Carcasses

- Guidance in the disposal of animal carcasses can be found at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/compliance/publications/rg/rg-591-disposal-of-animal-carcasses-left-behind-after-a-disaster.pdf>

Specialized Equipment Might be Needed

- Amphibious Excavator



Specialized Equipment Might be Needed

- Debris Removal Barges/Boats



Grapple Trucks



Grinder



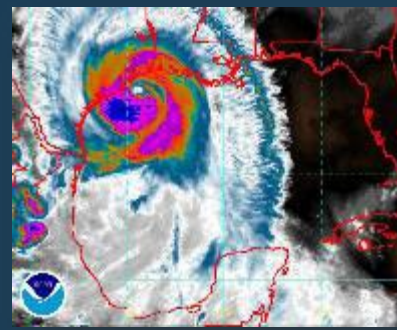
Air Curtain Incinerator



Reduction Via Compaction

- Reduces the volume by approximately 33% percent.





Part 4: Considerations with Flood Debris



Definitions - Pluvial Flooding

- Also known as surface water flooding.
- Occurs when heavy rainfall overwhelms the capacity of drainage systems and the ground to absorb water, causing water to accumulate and flow over the surface.



Houston 2015 Flooding

Definitions - Fluvial Flooding

- Also known as river flooding.
- Occurs when the water level in a river, lake or stream rises and overflows onto neighboring land. This can be due to excessive rain or snowmelt.



Blue Hole Park Flooding 2002

Definitions - Coastal Flooding

- The inundation of land along the coast by seawater, typically caused by intense windstorms coinciding with high tide, or by tsunamis.
- Storm surge, often the greatest threat associated with hurricanes or typhoons, occurs when high winds force water onshore.



Miami Flooding 2016

Challenges to Flood Debris Management Operations

Search and Rescue

- Debris clearing may need to be coordinated in conjunction with search and rescue and other response and recovery activities.



Access Issues

- In the event of flooding, mud or standing water may make it difficult for heavy equipment to reach the debris

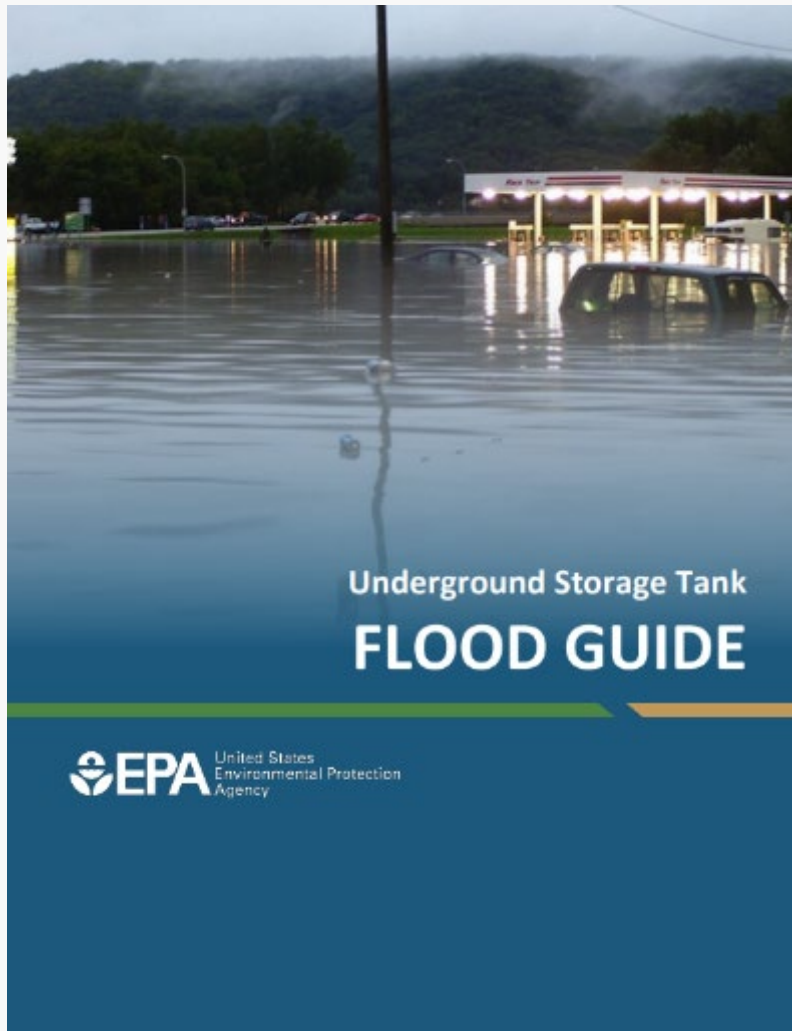


Fuel Availability

- If a large number of vehicles and fuel-dependent equipment is needed, consider the possible implications of a fuel shortage due to the disaster.
- Power outages and damage distribution systems may also impact fuel availability.
- Fuel trucks may not be able to make deliveries due to damaged roads and bridges.

Fuel Availability

- Local sources in underground storage tanks may have been contaminated from the flood.
- The Underground Storage Tank Flood Guide provides guidance to operators of the tanks.



<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-03/documents/ustfloodguide.pdf>

Displaced Animals

- Animals may have been displaced due to the flood (e.g., snakes and/or alligators).
- Livestock and pets may have been left to fend for themselves.
- Animals may be disoriented or injured.



<https://www.usace.army.mil/Media/News/NewsSearch/Article/2213135/safety-around-venomous-snakes-of-texas/>

Mosquitoes

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an increase in nuisance or floodwater mosquito populations is expected in the weeks after flooding.
- Floodwater mosquitoes are aggressive biters but don't spread germs to people.



www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/county-offices/mosquito-control

Mosquitoes

- Mosquito control professionals may use insecticides to reduce numbers of mosquitoes in affected areas.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents.
- Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin.

Hidden Hazards In Flood Water

- Debris and sharp objects under the water.
- Deep holes. The water may be deeper than you think. Turn around don't drown.
- Downed power lines.





Contaminated Water

- Flood water can be contaminated with:
 - Sewage
 - Fuel
 - Hazardous waste
 - Medical waste
- Exposure can result in:
 - Wound infections
 - Skin rash
 - Gastrointestinal illness
 - Tetanus

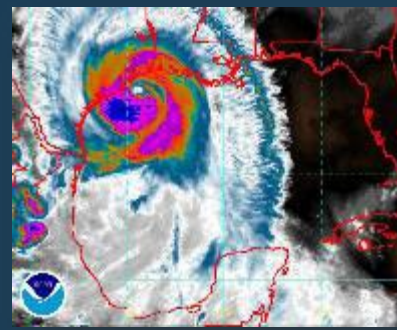
<https://www.cdc.gov/floods/safety/floodwater-after-a-disaster-or-emergency-safety.html>

Human Remains

- Human remains may be found in flood debris.
- Call 911 to report the situation.
- Do not handle or touch the body.
- Obstruct the view of the body from the public if possible.
- Law enforcement will conduct an investigation and coordinate with the Justice of the Peace or Medical Examiner's Office to identify the remains and determine the cause of death.

Recycling

- E-waste that has been damaged by floodwaters might be accepted by recyclers if the items are clean (e.g., no mud or mold) and dried.
- Reuse and recycling opportunities for clean (i.e., not treated or painted) wood, however, may be limited if it has been in a flood. Even if dried, the wood might no longer be structurally sound or aesthetically appropriate for reuse or recycling in some applications
- Metal that has been in floodwaters would likely still be able to be recycled as scrap metal.



Part 5: Environmental Considerations



Water Contamination

- Floodwaters can pick up and transport a wide range of pollutants, including sewage, chemicals from agriculture and industry, and heavy metals.
- This can contaminate drinking water sources, harm aquatic life, and pose health risks to humans and animals.

Habitat Destruction

- Flood debris can damage or destroy natural habitats, including riverbanks, wetlands, and coastal areas.
- The debris can smother vegetation, disrupt animal nesting sites, and alter the physical structure of ecosystems.



Erosion and Sedimentation

- Flooding can cause significant erosion, particularly of riverbanks and shorelines. This erosion can deposit large amounts of sediment into waterways, impacting water quality, reducing water depths, and affecting aquatic habitats.





Infrastructure Damage

- Flood debris can damage roads, bridges, buildings, and other infrastructure, leading to further environmental problems like the release of hazardous materials and increased waste.

<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/climate-case-studies/colorado-rebuilding-riverside-roads-withstand-future-floods>

Long-term Contamination

- Some pollutants carried by floodwaters, such as heavy metals, can persist in the environment for extended periods, contaminating soil and water sources long after the flood has subsided.



Debris Jams

- Accumulations of flood debris can create jams in rivers and streams, potentially leading to further flooding, bank erosion, and habitat disruption.
- Removal of this debris is crucial to prevent or reduce such damage.



Asbestos

- Exposure to asbestos increases a person's risk of developing lung disease.
- Structures built before 1980 are more likely to contain asbestos.
- Asbestos is found in:
 - Attic and wall insulation
 - Ceiling and floor tiles
 - Roofing and siding shingles
 - Automobile clutches and brakes
 - Coatings for pipes
 - Heat resistance fabrics



Asbestos pipe wrap (joint partially removed) (EPA website)

OSHA[®] FactSheet

Asbestos

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber. It was used in numerous building materials and vehicle products for its strength and ability to resist heat and corrosion before its dangerous health effects were discovered. Individual asbestos fibers cannot be seen by the naked eye, which puts workers at an increased risk. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has regulations to protect workers from the hazards of asbestos.

What is the hazard?

Asbestos fibers are released into the air during activities that disturb asbestos-containing materials.

The asbestos fibers can then be inhaled without knowing and trapped in the lungs. If swallowed, they can become embedded into the digestive tract as well.

Asbestos is a known human carcinogen and can cause chronic lung disease as well as lung and other cancers. Symptoms and/or cancer may take many years to develop following exposure.

Where is the hazard?

The hazard may occur during manufacturing of asbestos-containing products; performing brake or clutch repairs; renovating or demolishing buildings or ships; or cleanup from those activities; contact with deteriorating asbestos-containing materials and during cleanup after natural disasters.

Some materials are presumed to contain asbestos if installed before 1981. Examples of these materials, as well as other presumed asbestos-containing materials are:

- Thermal system insulation
- Roofing and siding shingles
- Vinyl floor tiles
- Plaster, cement, putties and caulk
- Ceiling tiles and spray-on coatings
- Industrial pipe wrapping
- Heat-resistant textiles
- Automobile brake linings and clutch pads

OSHA Standards

OSHA has three standards to protect workers from the hazards of asbestos depending on the

type of workplace. For complete information on all of the requirements, see the standard specific to your type of workplace:

General Industry: 29 CFR 1910.1001 covers work in general industry, such as exposure during brake and clutch repair, maintenance work, and manufacture of asbestos-containing products.

Shipyards: 29 CFR 1915.1001 covers construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, renovation and demolition of structures containing asbestos during work in shipyards.

Construction: 29 CFR 1926.1101 covers construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, or renovation and demolition of structures containing asbestos.

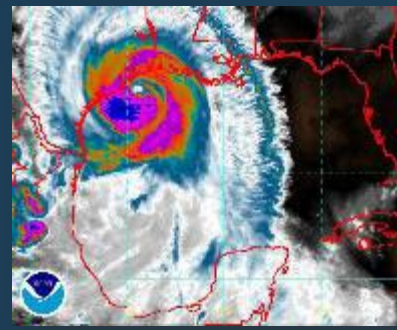
What protections exist in the Standards?

- **Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)** for asbestos is 0.1 fiber per cubic centimeter of air as an eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA), with an excursion limit (EL) of 1.0 asbestos fibers per cubic centimeter over a 30-minute period. The employer must ensure that no one is exposed above these limits.
- **Assessment** of workplaces covered by the standards must be completed to determine if asbestos is present and if the work will generate airborne fibers by a specific method under each standard.
- **Monitoring** necessary to detect if asbestos exposure is at or above the PEL or EL for workers who are, or may be expected to be exposed to asbestos. Frequency depends on work classification and exposure. The construction and shipyard standards require assessment and monitoring by a competent person.

Asbestos

- Asbestos must be accurately identified, safely collected, and properly disposed of using qualified personnel or contractors.

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3507.pdf>



Part 6: Waterway Debris Removal Programs



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- The NRCS manages the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)
- The NRCS EWP is an emergency recovery program designed to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences.



NRCS EWP Activities

- NRCS EWP Activities include, but are not limited to, providing financial and technical assistance to:
 - Remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges.
 - Reshape and protect eroded banks.
 - Correct damaged drainage facilities.
 - Establish cover on critically eroding lands.
 - Repair levees and structures.
 - Repair conservation practices.

Eligibility Under the Public Assistance Program

- Debris removal from waterways that is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to life, public health and safety, or improved property is eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program.



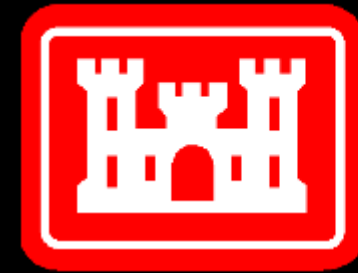
Roles and Responsibilities

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) have the specific authority to remove hazardous materials.
- EPA is responsible for removing such material from inland water zones.
- The USCG is responsible for coastal water zones.



Roles and Responsibilities

- Debris removal from waterways usually requires coordination with the USACE for the use of a nationwide permit and with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).



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Navigable Waterways

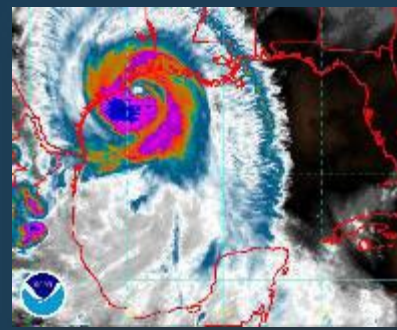
- If the applicant has the legal responsibility to maintain a non-federally maintained navigable waterway, removal and disposal of incident-related debris that obstructs the passage of vessels is eligible.
- Debris removal is eligible to a maximum depth of 2 feet below the low-tide draft of the largest vessel that utilized the waterway prior to the incident.
- Any debris below this zone is ineligible unless it is necessary to remove debris extending upward into an eligible zone.

Non-Navigable Waterways

- Includes flood control works and natural waterways.
- Debris deposited by the incident may obstruct a natural waterway that is not improved or maintained or a constructed channel, including flood control works. In these cases, removal of the debris from the channel is eligible if the debris poses an immediate threat.

Non-Navigable Waterways

- Threats include:
 - Obstructs, or could obstruct, intake structures;
 - Could cause damage to structures, such as bridges and culverts; or
 - Is causing, or could cause, flooding to improved public or private property during the occurrence of a 5-year flood.



Part 7: Substantial Damage Estimates





Protect the life you've built with flood insurance.

Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster in the United States. Just one inch of water in your home can cause **more than \$25,000 in damage.**

Most homeowners policies don't cover flooding – only flood insurance reimburses homeowners for flood damage. Most policies have a 30 day waiting period before going into effect, so talk to your insurance agent today about purchasing flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.

For more information, visit [FloodSmart.gov/Prepare](https://www.floodsmart.gov/prepare).



National Flood Insurance Program

- The NFIP offers flood insurance policies to homeowners, renters, and businesses in participating communities.
- Communities must adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations to participate in the NFIP.

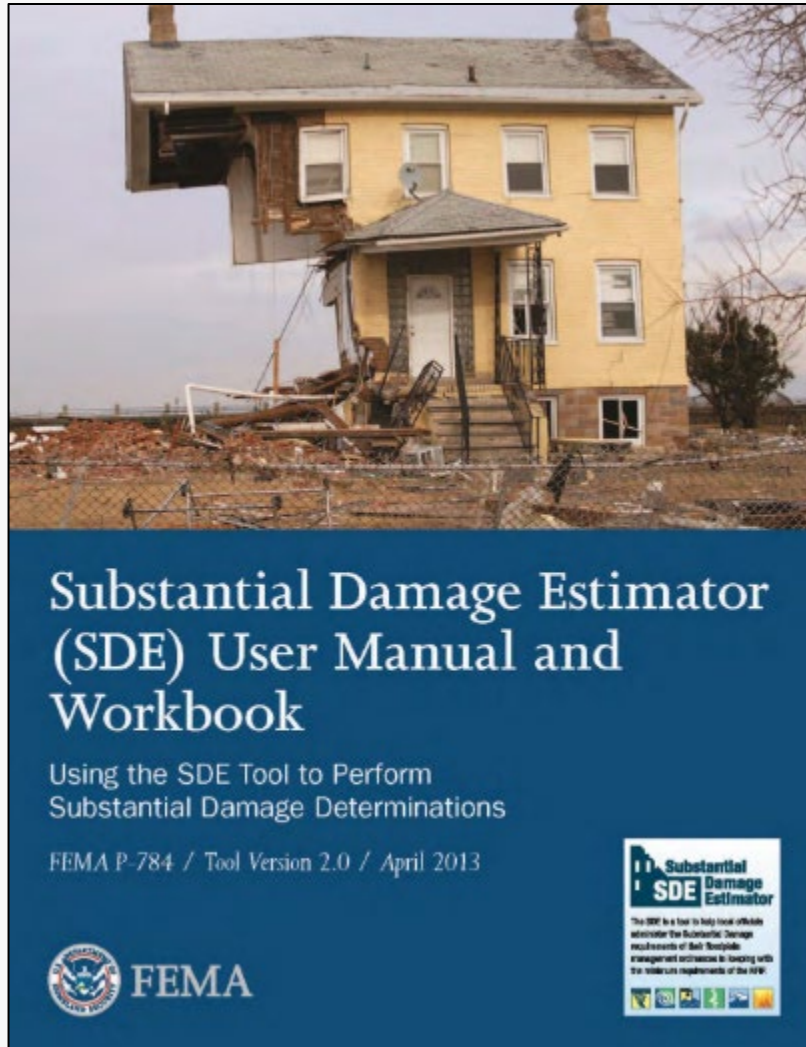
National Flood Insurance Program

- To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the impacts of damages to structures within a jurisdiction's established Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) must be assessed before repairs can be made.

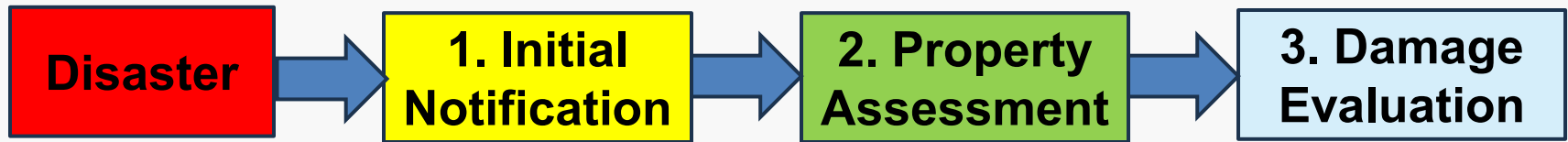


Substantial Damage Assessment Process

- These assessments help identify whether a property is “substantially damaged,” meaning the cost to restore the building exceeds 50% of its pre-disaster market value.

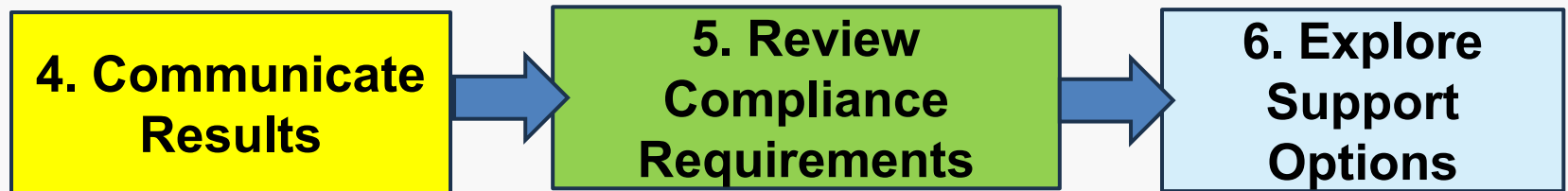


Substantial Damage Estimation Process



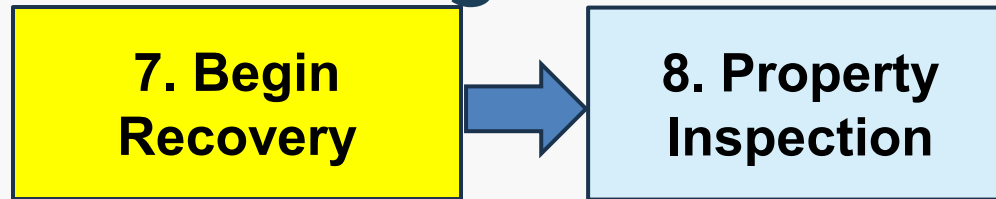
1. Property owner is mailed a notification about the SDE process.
2. Assessors evaluate damage from the event.
3. Analysis is performed to determine if the cost to repair is 50% or more of the market value. If yes, the structure is considered Substantially Damaged.

Substantial Damage Estimation Process



4. Community officials formally notify property owners assessment results, determination if substantially damaged, and if so, obligations for compliance.
5. Property owner informed of necessary actions to comply with floodplain management regulations.
6. If necessary, property owner investigates available funding and assistance programs for recovery.

Substantial Damage Estimation Process




7. Property owner submits request for necessary permits hiring contractors as needed to begin repairs.
8. Community performs inspections based on the type of work undertaken (repairs vs new construction) to confirm compliance with regulations.

Substantial Damage Estimation Facts

- FEMA used to conduct these inspections, now local governments are responsible for them.
- Local contractors can be used to conduct substantial damage estimates.
- A robust public information strategy is needed.
- The basis for substantial damage estimation can be found in the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, Section 1206.

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_dr-ra-1206-companion-document.pdf



Public Assistance Companion Guide Disaster Recovery Reform Act Section 1206

Background & Purpose

This document provides greater clarity around **building code** and **floodplain management (FPM)** administration and enforcement activities eligible for reimbursement through the FEMA's **Public Assistance (PA)** program. It serves as a **companion guide** to the **Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement Project Application** and the **Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1206 policy**. This resource provides FEMA staff and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments with a greater understanding of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act 1206 policy and eligible activities to support submitting a Project Application. This document does not address Direct Federal Assistance through FEMA's Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration contracting mechanism. For additional information on how to access the contract, please work directly with FEMA disaster or regional staff.


DRRA 1206 Overview: New Resources for Post-Disaster Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration & Enforcement

When disaster strikes, many communities have hundreds, if not thousands, of structures needing repair. Effective rebuilding ensures structures are more protected from future damage by following locally-adopted codes and standards. **DRRA 1206** authorizes FEMA to provide communities approved for Public Assistance funding following a presidentially-declared disaster with the resources needed to effectively administer and enforce building codes and floodplain management regulations (e.g., substantial damage assessments or determinations, permitting, etc.) — increasing the speed of recovery and enhancing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance. **NOTE: NFIP-participating communities are required to adhere to their locally-adopted regulations to remain in good standing.**

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH DRRA 1206, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, OR TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS MUST:

- ☒ Be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program
- ☒ Be authorized for assistance under a major disaster declaration
- ☒ Be legally responsible for administering and enforcing adopted building codes and floodplain management regulations
- ☒ Report list of impacts to FEMA within 60 days of the Recovery Scoping Meeting
- ☒ Submit supporting documentation through the [Public Assistance Grants Portal](#) ([grantee.fema.gov](#))

Disaster Recovery Reform Act 1206 Requirements:

180 Days	Time Limit: Activities occurring up to 180 days after a major disaster declaration may be eligible for reimbursement.	Fees and Fines: Revenue collected by the Applicant is considered program income. The Project Application will be reduced accordingly during disbursement. If the Applicant waives fees or fines following the disaster, FEMA still reduces the eligible costs by the amount of the fees or fines.
	Documentation: Good recordkeeping is critical for reimbursement and PA Grants Portal submission (e.g., receipts, activity logs, sign-in sheets, substantial damage assessments, etc.). NOTE: If the event has not yet received a major disaster declaration, officials should still collect documentation in the event a disaster becomes eligible for funding at a later date.	Federal Cost Share: Eligible costs are reimbursed at the Permanent Work cost-share applicable to the disaster.

Thank You!

