



Eligible Debris for PPDR Program

Debris Type	Examples	Notes
Hazardous Tree Debris	Limbs, leaning trees, hanging branches, uprooted stumps, shrubs, yard trimmings, etc.	Must be disaster-generated from Tropical Storm Helene; must pose a safety hazard.
Mixed Debris	Combination of vegetative and structural debris	Includes mixed storm debris piles requiring separation for disposal.
Soil and Sediment	Mud, dirt, rock, sand, silt	Eligible only if not associated with a landslide, or debris from river flooding.
Titled Property	Campers, motor vehicles	Must be properly adjudicated for disposal before removal is authorized.
Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D)	Owner-removed drywall, lumber, insulation, roofing, broken furniture, etc. Damaged outbuildings, sheds, small structures without utilities.	Structures must have been destroyed by the storm; utilities must be disconnected. Excludes pre-existing renovations or demolition debris.
Permanent Structures (with Utilities)	Homes, garages, sheds, commercial buildings	May be eligible for demolition with approval from certified county or state officials.
Other Debris	Debris in driveways, yards, pathways, or other maintained areas	Must pose a threat to life or safety; located on private or commercial property.
"White Goods"	Refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers	Must be emptied of food and hazardous materials. PPDR can remove freon.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	Paint, cleaning products, batteries, pesticides	Please dispose of through County, if available. If not, PPDR can dispose.

Non-Eligible Debris for PPDR Program

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Remodeling Contractor Debris	Contractor-generated sheetrock, roofing, debris, flooring, carpet	Contractors are responsible for removing their own construction debris.
On Vacant/Unmaintained Land	Debris on vacant lots or unmaintained areas	Land that is unimproved, unused, or unmaintained is not eligible.
Agricultural Lands	Debris in fields, pastures, croplands	Land primarily used for crops or livestock is not eligible.
Unmaintained Trees	Fallen trees in forests or woodlots	Downed trees located outside of maintained areas are not eligible.



What Homeowners/Landowners Should Know:

Separate Debris by Type:

- Pile vegetative debris separately from C&D debris.
- Keep white goods and E-waste aside for special handling.
- Hazardous waste should not be mixed with other debris piles.
- Salvage any valuables, furniture, or personal items from debris piles before crews arrive.

Avoid Placing Debris nearby:

- Fire hydrants, mailboxes, utility poles, or under power lines, as this can slow removal and create hazards.
- Sewer grates or storm drains, which can block drainage and cause flooding.

No Contractor Debris:

- Debris from contractor-led repairs or remodeling is not eligible for PPDR.
- Contractors are responsible for removing their own construction debris.

Key Rules & Tips:

- Only disaster-generated debris is eligible for removal.
- Debris must pose an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety to qualify for PPDR.
- Household garbage is not eligible for pickup through PPDR.
- Some debris, such as asbestos, mold, or chemicals, may require special handling — check with local authorities.