



City of Slidell

Press Release

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For more information, call (985) 646-4330

Notice from FEMA – Tree & Debris Removal from Private Property

FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their contractors will begin collecting storm related debris from private property in the City of Slidell, under the following guidelines.

Please note that this information applies only to residents and businesses within the Slidell city limits. Those outside of the city limits should contact the St. Tammany Parish Government Office to request the applicable information and forms.

1. Private property owners **MUST** complete a Right of Entry form for debris removal before any work can be done. This Right of Entry indemnifies FEMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, their contractors and the City of Slidell.
2. Private property debris removal will include the removal of large storm related debris and leaners and hangers from trees which pose an immediate threat to the public and improved property.
3. Work will only occur on improved and maintained areas of property around structures. These areas do not include areas used for agriculture and extremely large lots.
4. Generally, only smaller construction equipment is used; however, there may be some rutting and damage to lawns.
5. Items that the property owner wants to salvage must be removed before work begins.

CITY OF SLIDELL COMMENTS:

1. FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will also demolish private residences upon request of the owner(s). A Right of Entry form for demolition is required.
2. FEMA and/or the U.S. Corps of Engineers will inspect properties to determine eligibility for debris removal and/or demolition. **The City of Slidell does not make that determination.**
3. Both the debris removal and demolition programs are entirely voluntary and are at no cost to the property owners.
4. Contact the Slidell Chief of Staff's office at (985) 646-4330 if you have any questions.

Right of Entry forms may be picked up at and returned to the Chief of Staff's office at 1325 Bayou Lane (in the gated area marked "Authorized Personnel Only"—enter the door beneath the flags)--or may be downloaded from the city's website.

Forms are available at <http://www.slidell.la.us/files/RIGHTOFENTRYDemolition.pdf>.