



City of Slidell

Press Release

Slidell, LA 70458

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Debris Removal and Waste Information

APPLIANCES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PICK UP

If you have appliances or other hazardous waste such as paint, automotive products, herbicides, cleaning products, or flammable products, etc. please call Ceres Environmental to schedule a pick up of these items. Simply call **1-888-376-2220** and give Ceres your address and type of material to dispose of and a crew will be dispatched to pick it up. **Avoid** putting material in ditches as much as possible. **Do not** put your material in front of someone else's property.

DEBRIS REMOVAL DEADLINE

The last day to **put out** storm-related debris **North of Fremaux** for pickup under the Corp of Engineers contract is **April 2, 2006**. The City of Slidell is urging all residents living north of Freamux Avenue to move all debris curbside prior to that date.

DEBRIS REMOVAL/ DEMOLITION PLAN

The Debris Removal/Demolition Plan for the City of Slidell has been approved by FEMA. If you have Katrina related debris around your house that you wish to have removed or if you desire to have your home demolished due to Katrina related damage you must submit a **RIGHT OF ENTRY** form (**ROE**). You must also submit proof that you own the property (deed or tax bill) and any insurance policies that cover the property. The **ROEs** are available at the City's Chief of Staff's Office at 1325 Bayou Lane or by calling 985-646-4330. We will forward the completed **ROEs** to FEMA. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will inspect your property. If eligible, arrangements will be made to have the debris removed or the house demolished. **Eligibility is determined by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, not the City of Slidell.**

MESSAGE FROM COASTAL WASTE: Please do NOT place construction debris, such as sheetrock, wood, or cabinets, in your Coastal Waste container for garbage pickup. These items are too heavy for the tipper to lift and it is causing the tipper to break. Many residents in Westchester, Yester Oaks, and Dellwood have been filling their Coastal Waste containers with C&D debris. Please place your C&D debris in a pile curbside for Gulf States contractors to remove.

STUMP REMOVAL: The Corps of Engineers have begun stump pickup throughout Slidell. Residents are asks to set all stumps curbside as soon as possible. There are four types of stump removal:

1. For stumps less than 24" diameter that are curbside, pickup has begun.
2. For stumps more than 24" diameter that are curbside, pickup has begun.
3. Stumps that are in the public right of way that are partially on private property will be removed at a

later date. If the root ball is exposed, then the stump will be extracted. If the root ball is not exposed, then the stump will be cut level with the ground so that it is not a safety hazard.

4. Consideration is being given to allow the Corps of Engineers to come onto private property with the owner's permission (a signed right-of-entry form) to remove downed trees and limbs that present a safety hazard, that block the entrance or exit to the property, or that have caused property damage. This procedure has not yet been approved but is being considered.

LARGE APPLIANCES (WHITE GOODS) CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Must call EPA hotline at 1-800-401-1327 for curbside pickup

Items include air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers, stoves and oven, microwave ovens, dishwashers, washers and dryers, and water heaters. Televisions, computers and other electronics will also be collected.

DEBRIS PICK UP: Gulf States' storm cleanup crews are continuing debris removal today. Please place all debris curbside as soon as possible, to help expedite the passes.

It is helpful to keep your debris in four separate piles: tree debris, construction debris, appliances, and household garbage. Four separate groups are picking up these piles.

To date, 923,267 cubic yards* of debris has been removed from within city limits to dumping sites. 16,787 truck loads, ranging from 27 - 75 cubic yards per truck, have passed through dump sites. *No scales exist at the Browns Village dump site. The U.S. Corps of Engineers is working by cubic yards as it pertains to wood debris, and Coastal Landfill's Pit is also working by cubic yards. Tonnage estimates would be way off base due to light loads of limbs vs. logs, tree stumps and construction debris being hauled. The fact that the loads of debris are not being compacted also seriously affects tonnage estimates.*

Note: Please report any illegal dumping of white goods to the City of Slidell at 646-4330 or email at cdeets@cityofslidell.org.

GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY CHANGES: Coastal Waste Services has conducted route efficiency audits and have come to the conclusion that they can better serve the City of Slidell by eliminating our Wednesday/Saturday routes and move them to Tuesday/Friday effective January 1, 2006.

Subdivisions affected are as follows: Camelia Drive, Palm Lake, Delwood, Yester Oaks, Salmen Addition, Carolyn Park, Hermadel, Chamale Cove, Slidell Heights, West Hall and Projects.

Coastal Waste has informed the citizens of this change by tagging the 96-gallon carts in the affected areas.

EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP EFFORTS: Our city crews continue to clean out drainage canals and repair damage to work sites and stations throughout the city. The city is also working a comprehensive sweep of the neighborhoods from south to north and will assist with emergency clean-up efforts and tree removal to those in need.

TREES: Crews are also working in each quadrant of the city, street by street, to cut down trees and

limbs that are leaning and/or hanging dangerously over public rights-of-way. As of October 27 - January 25, Gulf States Contractors/KBR Enterprises, LLC had cut 19,355 limbs and 16,701 leaners.

CLEANUP: Operation Blessing, located in the old Schwegmann's parking lot is still helping with gutting homes and emergency tree removal at no charge. Please register your property address with Operation Blessing.