



# *City of Slidell*

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## *White Goods / Appliance Debris Pick-Up*

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency have hired contractors to pick up “White Goods” throughout the City of Slidell. “White Goods” consist of refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, A/C units, dishwashers, microwaves, and hot water heaters. Residents are asked to please move these items curbside to help speed up the pick up process.

The contractors have begun making their first pass through the city picking up refrigerators and freezers only. It is helpful to duct tape your refrigerators and freezers shut, especially if they contain rotten food. The contractors will take these appliances to a site at Camp Villere where the appliances will be handled and decontaminated by the EPA. For safety reasons, the public will not be allowed to drop off their appliances on their own and will be turned away from the site. The EPA is carefully monitoring this process.

Once the refrigerators and freezers have been collected, the contractors will then begin making a second pass throughout the city picking up the remaining “white goods” items. The Army Corps of Engineers expect to have all “white goods” picked up in two weeks.