



# *City of Slidell*

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## *Notice from Corps of Engineers – Stump & Debris Removal*

The Corps of Engineers have begun stump pickup throughout Slidell. Residents are asked 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 already begun.
2. For stumps more than 24” diameter that are curbside, a contract is in place to begin the pickup process in the next 10 days.
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.

**For commercial properties**, the Corps of Engineers is also picking up construction and demolition debris and hazardous waste materials that have been brought curbside. Hazardous waste materials must be separated from the C & D debris. Hazardous waste materials include cleaners (such as bleach and ammonia), roach and other pest killers, paint and workshop supplies, automotive products, flammable products (such as oil, gas and propane), lawn and garden products, other household chemicals, fluorescent lights, thermometers, and batteries. The window of opportunity is open now for commercial property debris removal. Commercial property owners are urged to get these items curbside immediately before this service ends.