Debris Clearance and Removal

For disaster designated counties, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides debris removal, reduction and disposal to local governments through direct federal assistance by FEMA at the request of the state.

USACE Mission Capabilities

| Types of Assistance | Description |
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| Right of Way (ROW) | Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from the public right of way and |
| Debris Removal | other public property, such as parks and schools. |
| Emergency Clearance | A roadway clearance mission generally requires moving debris to the |
| | median or side of the ROW to allow for emergency traffic. |
| Private Property Debris | Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from private property, when |
| Removal (PPDR) | directed by FEMA. |
| Commercial Property | Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from commercial property. |
| Debris Removal (CPDR) | (CPDR is a FEMA distinction. CPDR will fall under PPDR for USACE |
| | purposes.) |
| Demolition | Removal, reduction and disposal of residential or commercial structures. |
| Debris Removal from | Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from natural streams, reservoirs |
| Drainage Structures | and engineered channels. |
| Waterway/Wet Debris | Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from coastal waters where the |
| | debris impedes navigation or produces a hazard. |
| Contaminated Debris | The Contaminated Debris Management (CDM) Mission results from a |
| Management (CDM) | detonation that creates general construction debris, and the like, that is |
| | contaminated with a hazardous material or a chemical, biological, |
| | radioactive or nuclear agent. Mission assignments could include |







| | emergency clearance, structural instability, demolition, long-term debris removal and technical assistance. |
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| Dead Animal Carcasses | Removal of dead animals is considered debris. The location of the carcass determines the type of debris: on the road – <i>right of way</i> debris; on private property - <i>PPDR</i> ; in the water – <i>waterway debris</i> . |
| Technical Assistance | Assistance to local governments with developing debris removal contracts, include estimating debris quantities, preparing scopes of work for debris removal and quality assurance oversight and assistance with environmental issues. Assistance also includes training and coordination with FEMA and local government debris monitors. |
| Technical Monitoring | Providing FEMA with oversight of state and/or local debris operations. |

How to Request Debris Clearance and Removal

Requests for debris clearance and removal are directed to the state.

The state and/or local government will notify the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) in writing of their request for USACE support for debris removal. NCEM will then prepare a formal notification in writing to FEMA for a resource request task order to be issued.





