



The City of Weston
Residential Disaster Debris
Collection Guide 2009



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Residential Disaster Debris Removal Rules

To our Residents,

The City has adopted regulations for the removal of disaster debris. We have established an efficient and effective system, so you will know what to expect and how to have your disaster debris successfully removed.

What qualifies as a Disaster?

A natural or human-caused event or occurrence that results in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property. A State of Emergency must have been declared by the City.

What then qualifies as Disaster Debris?

Vegetative Debris and Structural Debris caused by a disaster.

The City will remove Disaster Debris only if:

The City makes the determination that the debris is extensive enough to pose a serious and immediate threat to life, health, safety and welfare or an immediate threat of significant damage to property; AND a federal, state or local agency will provide reimbursement for the removal of the disaster debris.

When does collection begin?

The City will use all available media to notify residents if and when disaster debris collection will commence and when it will end. This includes but is not limited to:

- Weston's CodeRED notification system,
- 1680AM Weston Community Radio,
- The City's web site, www.westonfl.org,
- The City's government access cable TV channel
 - Channel 25 on Advanced Cable
 - Channel 78 on Comcast Cable
 - Channel 62 on Direct Path
- Press releases and other media available to us at the time

Are you registered with the City's CodeRED emergency notification system? Visit the Weston web site at www.westonfl.org or call the Communications Department at 954-385-2000.

When does collection end?

The City will advise residents of the final date of collection termed the **LAST PASS**. Any debris placed out for removal after the **LAST PASS** will not be removed by the City.

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Collection Don'ts

- **Don't** – mix items from debris categories. Mixing of debris types will result in non-collection.
- **Don't** – block access to property or mailboxes. The City, or its contractors, will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes, swales or sidewalks.
- **Don't** – move or transport debris by a motorized machine (i.e. bobcat, backhoe) as it will not be collected. This is not the time to clear land; it is for residential disaster debris only; debris that is hand-cleared.
- **Don't** – commingle debris from community property such as common areas or private parks – it will not be collected.
- After a major storm, it may be necessary to suspend regular garbage and recycling collection for a brief period of time in order to concentrate on clearing the streets and neighborhoods of debris.
- For questions on debris collection call Weston Public Works at 954-385-2600.

Weston's 1-2-3 of Disaster Debris Removal

Three debris categories and what goes into each. Where and how to put debris out for collection.

1. Vegetative Debris



What is it?

Debris from damage to plants and trees: i.e. tree limbs, fronds, bushes.

Not Collected: large stumps or limbs greater than 24" in diameter.

Place into a separate pile in the swale area, curbside. It does NOT have to be bagged or bundled – although loose vegetation such as leaves, small particles, grass and mulch should be placed in a plastic bag.

Do not place with items from any other category.

2. Structural Debris



What is it?

Debris from damage to structures including but not limited to screen enclosures, roof tiles or shingles, gutters, windows, siding, bricks, stucco, drywall and carpet.

Not Collected: floor tiles, appliances, fixtures, furniture and clothing.

Place into a separate pile, in the swale area, curbside.

Do not place with items from any other category.

3. Household Waste (Garbage)



What is it?

Rubbish and garbage ordinarily generated by a residence on a daily basis – generally food waste.

Not Collected: appliances, tires, construction and demolition debris, yard trash, and hazardous waste and that which requires special handling

Place in bags, then in a garbage cart curbside, or in a dumpster.

Use your normal garbage collection routine.

Do not place with items from any other category.

Residents are reminded that “The first 72 is up to you.” Residents need to be prepared to survive without outside assistance for at least 72 hours after a disaster.