

Debris Clearance and Removal

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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
Right of Way (ROW) Debris Removal	Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from the public right of way and 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 (PPDR)	Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from private property, when directed by FEMA.
Commercial Property Debris Removal (CPDR)	Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from commercial property. <i>(CPDR is a FEMA distinction. CPDR will fall under PPDR for USACE purposes.)</i>
Demolition	Removal, reduction and disposal of residential or commercial structures.



Debris Removal from Drainage Structures	Removal, reduction and disposal of debris from natural streams, reservoirs 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 Management (CDM)	The Contaminated Debris Management (CDM) Mission results from a 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.
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.

