

Disposal of Storm/Flood Debris

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Most of the wastes that will be generated as storm/flood debris will likely be disposed of through the normal channels at state permitted solid waste disposal facilities. But if the normal channels become overwhelmed for some communities, the following guidance can be used:

- Trees and brush - burn as per local ordinances - notify the local fire department before you burn.
- Mixed storm/flood debris – to the greatest extent possible remove toxic materials like paint containers, aerosol cans, pesticides, white good appliances, tires, gas cans, propane tanks, etc. Debris piles can then be burned with the assistance of local fire departments.
- Any chemical wastes generated by a household need to be disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection facility or taken to the nearest municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill.
- For any chemical waste generated at a location other than a household, the responsible party should call the DANR for proper disposal requirements.

Demolition debris:

- If a residential household needs to be demolished, no asbestos requirements come into play.
- If a house is going to be demolished, it should be taken to the nearest permitted solid waste disposal facility for proper disposal. If that is not feasible it can be burned in place if the community agrees to it or the debris can be taken to a location away from people and burned with the assistance of the local fire department. Any burnt debris or ash resulting from this action must be taken to a municipal solid waste landfill for disposal. The debris should not be taken to a permitted solid waste disposal facility to be burned. The debris can only be buried at a permitted solid waste disposal facility.
- Buildings and structures other than households should be treated as if they contain asbestos. The building or structure should not be burned or demolished unless a certified asbestos inspector has cleared it. If this is not feasible, call DANR for assistance and we can work through the asbestos issue.

For a list of permitted solid waste disposal facilities or information about a specific solid waste disposal facility, please contact DANR at the following phone number.

DANR – Waste Management Program can be contacted at (605) 773-3153.