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Please Separate Your Waste at the Curb

Waste management recommendations after a natural disaster

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Residents and Small Businesses

As you clean up after a flood, tornado or other natural disaster, please take steps to protect yourself by wearing waterproof gloves and by washing up with soap afterwards.

Waste Pickup (To Be Announced or insert time and date if set.)

Waste will be picked up at your curb by **(Insert name of city, county, or contractor).**

To minimize the impact to the environment and to better control the cleanup costs, please **separate your waste into five piles** as listed below.

1. Large Appliances and Electronics	Refrigerators, freezers, ovens, dishwashers, air conditioners, furnaces, washing machines, clothes dryers, televisions, computers and monitors.
2. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Note: Please put any leaking containers of HHW in a plastic bag or tub and don't mix wastes together. Keep labels with products or write the name on the container so wastes can be identified and safely handled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Automotive products, such as gas, oil, antifreeze, and parts cleaners• Cleaners, such as bleach, ammonia, oven, toilet and kitchen cleaners• Mercury-containing items, such as thermometers, thermostats and fluorescent light bulbs• Paints and Solvents, such as oil, latex, stains, thinners, spray paint, acetone, xylene and toluene• Lawn products, such as fertilizers, pesticides, bug and weed killers• Other items that you think should not go into the regular trash, such as gas cylinders, batteries, pool chemicals
3. Demolition Waste	Sheetrock, wallboard, wood, pipes, wiring, shingles, cement, insulation, lumber, window glass, carpet left in the building, and any part of the building structure
4. Municipal Waste	Household garbage, food, lamps, furniture, bedding, clothing, dishes, books, magazines, papers, cardboard, small appliances, housewares, carpet removed from the building, and any asbestos-containing waste
5. Woody Waste	Trees, branches, logs, stumps and shrubs

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your help.



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