



Debris Management Assistance



Debris removal is eligible under most types of emergency declarations. Below is a table showing the circumstances and the associated cost-share amount for local governments when debris management funding is available.

	Cal OES Agency Secretary's Concurrence/Local Proclamation	Governor's Proclamation/State of Emergency	Presidential Emergency Declaration	Presidential Major Disaster Declaration
Debris Removal Eligible	No	Yes	Yes (if Cat. A included in Declaration)	Yes
Local Cost Share	N/A	Yes - 25%	Yes - 6.25%	Yes - 6.25%
Debris Management Plan Required for Event	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Direct Federal Assistance	N/A	No	Yes	Yes

Remember the following information when seeking debris management assistance:

Debris removal shall be considered necessary when removal will:

- Eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety;
- Eliminate immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property; or,
- Be necessary for the permanent repair, restoration, or reconstruction of damaged public facilities.

Debris Removal from Public Right-of-Way

- Local government must create a debris management plan for the disaster.
- Disaster debris removed from the public right-of-way or from bins placed in the public right-of-way is, for the most part, eligible whether funded by the State or FEMA.
- Debris must be disaster related and is generally separated by type.
- Monitors are needed for this process to ensure the public is complying and that there is no illegal dumping.



Debris Removal from Private Property

- To be eligible for funding, local government must have State and FEMA approval for a private property debris removal program before removing the debris.
- Local government must demonstrate an immediate threat to the public health and safety from the debris.
- Local official must state that removal of debris from private property is necessary to remove and/or reduce the immediate threat to the public health and safety.
- Local government must create a private property debris management plan for the disaster.
- Local government must monitor debris removal operations.
- Local government must pursue insurance recovery from property owners.
- Local governments must ensure that property owners that do not participate in private property debris removal operations remove debris from private property in a timely manner.

Debris Removal



Debris Types

Debris removal is the clearance, removal and/or disposal of debris following a disaster. The resulting debris may be comprised of one or more of the following types:

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| Construction & Demolition materials | Electronic debris - (computers, TVs, etc.) |
| Sediments | Sandbags |
| Vegetative debris | White Metals - (washer, refrigerators, etc.) |
| Metals - (awnings, etc.) | Personal Property |
| Animal Carcasses | Hazardous Household Waste |



Ineligible Debris



- 👉 Debris that does not pose a threat
- 👉 Vehicles (i.e. cars, boats, RVs, etc.)
- 👉 Foundations (may be eligible under CDAA)
- 👉 Swimming pools
- 👉 Old tires, batteries or equipment



DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 👉 A good debris management plan can save time and money.
- 👉 A debris management plan will address both short term and long term goals and actions.
- 👉 A debris management plan is essential for a quick and effective response to and preparation for debris from the next major disaster.
- 👉 Local emergency plans should be coordinated with solid waste planning to include debris management strategies, reuse and recycling opportunities, quantity estimations, landfill capacities, landfill class/type and potential temporary storage sites.
- 👉 The debris plan must be approved by the implementing agencies and departments, and adopted according to city/county requirements
- 👉 Remember, a good debris plan will result in more efficient use of limited resources, timely access to critical infrastructure and environmentally safe solutions to debris issues.



Additional Resources

- 📖 [Cal OES Concept of Operations](#)
- 📖 [Debris Removal Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Private Property Debris Removal](#)
- 📖 [Debris Contracting Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Debris Estimating Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Debris Forecasting Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Debris Management Plan Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Debris Training Flyer](#)
- 📖 [Cal OES Debris Training Manual](#)

🏠 Web Sites

- www.caloes.ca.gov
- www.calrecycle.ca.gov
- www.fema.gov



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Regulations: *Title 19, Section 2900
44 CFR, Section 206.224.
Stafford Act, Sections 403 & 407*

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