



Pender County Emergency Management



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Storm debris update

PENDER COUNTY – As clean-up continues from Hurricane Florence, Pender County officials announced Nov. 30 is the final date to have all vegetative debris to the road right-of-way. Vegetation debris includes logs, leaves, and tree branches.

“All debris must be storm-related,” said Tom Collins, Pender County Emergency Manager. “Debris should be separated according to FEMA guidelines.”

FEMA divides debris into the following storm-related categories – vegetation debris, construction debris, household hazardous waste, white goods, and electronics. These items should be separated and placed within 12-ft. of the road.

- Construction debris includes building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, and mattresses damaged by the storm;
- Household Hazardous Waste includes oils, batteries, pesticides, paints, cleaning supplies, and compressed gas;
- White goods include refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, and water heaters.
- Electronics include televisions, computers, radios, stereos, DVD players and telephones.

The final date to have all other storm-related debris to the road right-of-way is Dec. 21.

Debris should never be placed against trees or under power lines.

Materials brought to the road right-of-way after these deadlines will be considered illegal dumping.

Storm debris does not include new construction materials, repair debris, cut tiles, sheetrock or framing materials. Private contractors are responsible for disposal of materials at proper landfills. Construction contractors are not permitted to dump materials on the road right-of-way. Private contractors are responsible for disposal of materials at proper landfills.

DRC, the county's debris contractor, will not accept household trash, roofing materials, concrete or brick, or new construction waste.

The community drop-off site, located on NC Hwy 210 east of Hampstead, will close Nov. 30 but will re-open two weekends for residents to leave vegetative debris Dec. 7 – 9, and Dec. 14- 16.

Due to the holidays, there will be no construction debris pick up Dec. 22 – 26 in Pender County. Debris pick-up will resume Dec. 27.

The county's debris contractor is covering the county's five districts, starting with District 5, then District 4, District 3, District 2 and District 1. Residents uncertain of which district they reside should click on the county link:

<http://pendercountync.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=49a7e5ccd5834af1912665e99649c908>

For questions about debris pick-up, contact DRC, toll free at 1-888-721-4372.

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