Washington County

Storm Debris Solutions

A severe storm can interrupt day-to-day operations, including transportation and garbage and recycling collection services. In the event of a **government-declared disaster**, residents should listen for instructions from local government broadcasts through the media (radio, TV newscasts) and on websites. Debris generated from disasters such as severe wind storms may be collected at multiple areas located throughout the Metro region once the initial event has passed and it is safe for the public to travel. However, it's also possible that this material will still be collected most effectively as part of the curbside collection system.

Residents who have storm debris may want to clear their property of woody and vegetative debris following the event. Residents can do so by using their curbside yard debris service, by self-hauling debris and garbage to collection sites or landfills, or by making arrangements with their hauler to provide a drop box or other type of container to collect and dispose of the debris, for a fee. See drop box services information below.

Severe weather may impact or delay curbside garbage and recycling collection service. Washington County garbage and recycling collectors will resume collection routes as soon as it is safe for their employees and equipment to operate. Generally, information related to the status of solid waste (garbage) and recycling (including yard debris) collection service is made available through local media outlets.

Preparing Woody and Vegetative Debris for Collection at the Curb

Residents with regularly scheduled yard debris collection service may set out woody and vegetative debris for regularly scheduled yard debris pickup. You must ensure yard debris is prepared for collection by:

- Including only branches less than 4 inches thick and 36 inches long.
- Placing materials at the curb in yard debris receptacles, 30-gallon Kraft bags, or bundled by twine and tied. Additional fees may apply for extra bags or bundles.
- Stockpiling excess debris in your yard or garage and set it out on upcoming collection days

Maximum container weight:

- ✓ 120 pounds for 60-gallon container or larger
- ✓ 60 pounds for 32-gallon container
- ✓ 45 pounds for 30-gallon container or
- ✓ 45 pounds for bags/bundles

Yard Debris Depots

Residents *without* yard debris service can take debris to a local yard debris depot. Yard debris *does not* include dirt, sod, stumps, metal, rocks, ashes, or treated wood or lumber. These materials will not be accepted as yard debris. Contact one of the local yard debris depots listed below to determine which materials are accepted, hours of operation, disposal fees and directions.

Yard Debris Drop-Off Locations in Washington County
Best Buy in Town 2200 NW Cornelius Pass Rd | Hillsboro, OR 97124 | 503-645-6665 www.BestBuyInTown.biz/Index.htm
Grimms Fuel Company 18850 SW Cipole | Tualatin, OR 97062 | 503-692-3756 www.GrimmsFuel.com/Recycling.htm
S&H Landscape Products & Supply 1748 NE 25th Ave | Hillsboro, OR 97124 | 503-846-0881 1045 N Fourth Ave | Cornelius, OR 97113 | 503-357-6090 www.CompostProducts.com/
Metro Transfer Stations & Recycling (located in Portland & Oregon City) Metro Central 6161 NW 61st Ave | Portland, OR 97210 | 503-234-3000 Metro South 2001 Washington St | Oregon City, OR 97045 | 503-234-3000 www.OregonMetro.gov
Nature's Needs 9570 NW 307th Ave | North Plains, OR 97210 | 503-647-9489 www.NaturesNeeds.com/
Pride Disposal/Recycling Depot 13980 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd | Sherwood, OR 97140 | 503-625-6177 www.PrideDisposal.com/Home/Iindex.php
Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery 3205 SE Minter Bridge Rd | Hillsboro, OR 97124 | 503-640-9427 http://WMNorthwest.com/Landfill/TVWR.htm

Other Solutions

Drop Box Services

Your local hauler can provide a drop box, for a fee, to help remove large piles of debris. If the box is used to dispose of **yard debris only**, then the material can be taken to a compost facility rather than to a landfill. Contact your hauler for more information on services and rates.

Online link for debris drop-off locations within the metropolitan area: www.OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler.