



## KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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## Tornado Debris Removal Guidelines

**Frankfort, KY.** – The Kentucky Emergency Operations Center is providing the following information to help with the removal of debris. Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are working together with county and local partners to remove debris.

The attached graphic provides information about how to properly sort debris to help with the cleanup process. Debris should be sorted into 5 categories: vegetative debris (tree branches, logs, leaves, plants), hazardous waste (oil, batteries, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas), electronics (TV's, computers, phones, DVDs), construction debris (building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing), and large appliances (refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, dishwashers).

Place debris only in the right of way (within 15 feet of the curb or edge of the street). Do not place debris on or near utility boxes, water meter covers, near trees, poles, fire hydrants, or other structures. Please do not place debris in the roadway. If your insurance company is coordinating debris removal from your property, follow their instructions.

If you have homeowner's insurance, file a claim with your insurance first. Then apply with FEMA. You can apply at a FEMA [Mobile Registration Center](#), online through [DisasterAssistance.gov](#), through the [FEMA app](#), or by calling 1-800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

To learn more about available resources, go to [kyem.ky.gov](#) and [fema.gov/disaster/4630](#).



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### Debris Removal Guidelines

In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules.

#### Debris Separation

Please separate debris into the categories shown below.

Check with your local Office of Emergency Management for more information on debris removal.

Never touch, cut, remove or place debris on downed lines. \*Can result in injury or death.

Placing debris near utility boxes or on lines can cause injury or damage.

Placing debris near or on trees, poles or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

**NO PICKUP** **NO PICKUP**

**Vegetative Debris**  
Tree branches, leaves, logs, plants.

**Hazardous Waste**  
Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas.

**Electronics**  
Television, computer, stereo, phone, DVD player.

**Construction Debris**  
Building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing.

**Large Appliances**  
Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air conditioner, stove, water heater, dishwasher. Do not leave doors unsealed or unsecured.

Debris should be placed curbside

Debris should not block roadway

## 3 Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid



**ONLINE**

[DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov)



**FEMA APP**

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**CALL**

800-621-FEMA (3362)  
or TTY 800-462-7585

