



Parish of Ascension

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Damage Information Needed By Parish Officials, Clean Up Kits Available and Debris Removal to Begin

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GONZALES –Following the cresting of Ascension Parish waterways and receding of high water, Parish Government has entered a new phase of response and recovery associated with this event, said Parish President Kenny Matassa.

“In order for the Parish to obtain public assistance from FEMA, it is imperative that we capture all damage information associated with this event,” said President Matassa. “We ask that residents who are returning home to water damages at their residences to continue to report those damages to our office by calling our Emergency Operations Center at 621-8360, or by emailing a detailed description of your damages including any pictures you may have, your address and contact information to flood@apgov.us.”

Residents who maintain flood insurance on their home and will not need FEMA Public Assistance for damages incurred during this event – are still asked to contact the EOC office to report their property as flooded for parish recovery records.

“Clean Up Kits are available for residents beginning to clean their homes,” President Matassa said. “They are available at the Galvez-Lake Fire Department located at 16288 Joe Sevario Road in Prairieville. Comfort kits with toiletries and essentials will be available at the Fire Department as well.”

During the clean-up process – we understand many residents may have debris located on their property. Parish Government will begin the debris removal process within the next week; however we ask residents to follow the instructions below in order to have debris removed from their property.

Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION

Separate debris into the six categories shown below.

DO NOT STACK OR LEAN

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

UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?

If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.



For more information

Ascension OEP (225) 621-8360

1. Debris is categorized into 3 types and it is by these 3 types that we will ask you to divide your debris: Vegetative - meaning limbs, branches, or things of nature, White goods - meaning appliances such as washers, dryers and refrigerators and lastly, Construction and Demolition debris - meaning carpet, sheet rock or any material you have removed from your damaged home or yard.
2. Please place debris by the roadside, not in the way of traffic, or in any ditches. Please do not place debris by any utilities or mailboxes. Debris removal will not collect Hazardous materials including gasoline or propane so please refrain from placing these with your debris.
3. We ask that you monitor Ascension Channel 21, social media and news media for a debris removal schedule which will be released in the coming days.

Debris that is placed farther than 10 feet from the street or curb is considered on private property and will not be picked up.

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