

OCTOBER 2018 FLOOD UPDATE

Debris Pickup

~ Update provided by Commissioner Peter Jones ~

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Update on debris removal throughout Llano County:

Llano County has procured the services of a professional Debris Removal Contractor (DRC). This DRC has been at work for the past week and will continue to work until all of the debris from the Oct. 16, 2018 flood is removed from the public Right of Way (ROW). The following are some things you should know about the process as we go forward. We have a limited number of trucks picking up the debris and the entire county to cover. Therefore, we have divided the work crews into teams and assigned them among the affected precincts and municipalities to conduct removal activities. Certain areas were more impacted than others and we are carefully planning our efforts to make the best and most expedient use of the resources we have. While we have crews at work in several precincts simultaneously we will move the focus to the most affected areas as those resources and others are available. This entire process will take some time to complete due to the enormous volume of debris and the wide area to be covered. We ask for your patience as we go through the next few weeks. We will get to your area eventually. As soon as we can post a schedule of when and where the crews will be, we will do so.

The following are some FAQ's and answers:

Q: A truck came to our area but left some piles there, will those be picked up?

A: Yes, they will be picked up. In certain situations the equipment can't get some debris piles because of a low hanging or nearby tree, proximity to a utility (gas, water or electric meter etc.) or other concerns. The equipment will pick up everything it can during its pass through the area and another truck will return later that can safely pick up the remaining piles. In some cases the pile may need to be physically moved in order to facilitate the removal. Such movement is temporary, and equipment will come to permanently remove the entire pile shortly thereafter.

Q: The truck didn't take away all the debris, will they be back?

A: Yes, they will return. The contractor picks up certain kinds of debris with different equipment. That is why you were asked to separate your debris into categories. One day they will pick up construction debris (ruined dry wall, wood paneling, etc.) and next will be household furniture and then appliances and finally vegetative debris. Please keep your piles separated to facilitate this process.

Q: May we mix our household garbage/trash in with the debris?

A: Absolutely Not! If the debris is mixed with household garbage, then it is no longer eligible for debris removal. All trash bags are physically examined to ensure there is no mixture. In addition, any household hazardous waste (paint, insecticides, tires, etc.) must be separated and will be picked up at a later date.

Q: May we burn our debris?

A: You may only burn VEGITATIVE debris! Since Llano County is not under a Burn Ban you may burn brush, tree parts and other natural debris **IF** you could normally burn in that location. Refer to the Llano County website www.co.llano.tx.us for complete information. You are not allowed to burn in the river or lakebed. Do not burn within 50' of any structure. The burn must be supervised at all times. Please call the Sheriff's Office (325-247-5767) to inform us about the burn and to make sure weather conditions are safe for burning.

With time and patience we will move through this process as quickly and safely as possible. Our county, communities and cities have much work ahead before we can begin to settle into the "new" normal. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor.