



**Public Health**  
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**Montgomery County**  
Public Health District

**For Immediate Use.**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT**

September 14, 2017

Debris caused by Hurricane Harvey may become a threat to public health and safety in affected areas of the County. Efforts to remove this debris should be made as soon as possible.

There are numerous types of debris located on private property and public right of ways within the County that constitute a potential threat to public health and safety. These include:

- Flood debris from homes that can harbor rats, snakes and other vermin. The debris also holds water and can be breeding grounds for disease carrying mosquitos which spread West Nile Virus, Zika Virus, and Dengue Fever.
- Flooded vehicles and partially destroyed buildings which are not safe for any form of habitation might be a playground for children or occupied by those without other shelter; and
- Plant debris lying on the ground or partially exposed root balls that supports cover for rodents, snakes and other predatory animal life.

Information for debris pick-up can be found by visiting the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website, <http://mctxoem.org>.

**Debris removal guidelines**  
In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules

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

**Debris separation**  
Please separate debris into the **six categories**, shown below.

- Electronics**  
Television, computer, stereo, phone, DVD player
- Large Appliances**  
Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air conditioner, stove, water heater, dishwasher
- Hazardous waste**  
Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas
- Vegetative debris**  
Tree branches, leaves, logs, plants
- Construction debris**  
Building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing
- Household garbage**  
Bagged garbage, discarded food, paper, packaging.

Do not leave doors **unsealed or unsecured**

Debris should be placed curbside

Debris should not **block roadway**

10 feet

**NO PICKUP**

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