

DEQ has information on what to do with storm debris

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Avoid burning that will create air pollution health problems; separate hazardous materials for proper disposal

Oregon residents can dispose of storm debris at several local solid waste facilities and special debris collection sites. Information about disposal options is available at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Web site at www.deq.state.or.us or by contacting Robert Vance at 503-229-5600, 503-229-5393 or 800-452-4011. Find more information about Oregon's severe winter storm efforts on the Governor's Web site at www.governor.oregon.gov

Local debris collection sites are listed below by county. DEQ is coordinating with affected counties to set up other storm debris collection sites and will post updates on the Web site.

DEQ urges residents to use proper methods for disposing of storm debris while taking care to separate hazardous materials and not burn these materials.

Separate debris for disposal into separate piles for vegetation (trees, branches, limbs); household trash (garbage, paper, food, etc.); household hazardous wastes (paints, cleaners, pesticides, solvents, oil, etc.); white goods (stoves, refrigerators, appliances); and other materials (trash, building matter, carpets, furniture, etc.).

Burning certain waste including rubber and plastics is prohibited. DEQ strongly recommends not burning to protect human health from harmful fine particles and toxic air pollutants in smoke. Give priority to chipping or grinding wood waste and yard debris for reuse. DEQ will provide assistance to find locations to use or store this chipped wood waste and yard debris.

Debris collection sites

Columbia County

Vernonia Storm Debris and Hazardous Waste Collection Site

Across the street from Vernonia City Hall on Bridge St.

Operating during daylight hours

Columbia County Transfer Station

1601 Railroad

St. Helens

503-366-2613

8 a.m to 5 p.m. daily

Accepts wastes from nearby counties

Household Hazardous Waste collection 8 a.m. to noon, last Saturday of the month

Beaver Bark Compost Facility

5400 West Lane Road

Scappoose, OR

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

503-543-3000

Accepts tree and yard debris; untreated, unpainted wood

Tillamook County

Tillamook County Transfer Station

1315 Ekloff Rd (off Tillamook River Rd, 3 miles south of the City of Tillamook).

Tillamook

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

503-842-4588 or 503-842-2431

Operated by Don G. Averill Recycling, Inc.

Manzanita Transfer Station

34995 Necarney Rd (between Manzanita and Nehalem).

Manzanita

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday

503-368-7764

Operated by CARTM

www.cartm.org

Pacific City Transfer Station

38255 Brooten Rd (2 miles SE of Pacific City).

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday through Sunday

503- 392-3438

Operated by Nestucca Valley Recycling-Garbage Service

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