

# FEMA DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

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Timely and efficient removal of storm debris is critical to restoring the fabric of a community after a devastating event; it is also one of the first and most visible signs of recovery. Many communities do not have a plan in place for managing debris removal activities. An effective debris management plan, combined with well-trained staff, can make a real difference.



The goal of this course is to enable participants to successfully plan for, respond to, and recover from major debris-generating events.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

After completing this course, learners should be able to:

- Reduce costs
- Maximize assets
- Simplify reimbursement from funding agencies
- Make better decisions
- Facilitate Public/Private sector coordination
- Reduce economic impact on the community
- Inform the public
- Coordinate response operations
- Provide for faster recovery

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This workshop is for Solid Waste Management, Public Works, and local, State, or Federal Emergency Management personnel who are responsible for planning and or implementing debris removal and disposal actions.

## COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of lectures, class activities, and exercises. The text for the course is [Debris Management by Robert C. Swan](#). This comprehensive manual details the following topics with supplemental images, graphs, examples and exercises. It serves as an on the job reference.

- Why Emphasize Debris Management
- Debris Management Plan
- FEMA Eligibility and Costs
- Debris Forecasting and Estimating
- Contracting Procedures
- Temporary Debris Staging and Reduction (TDSR) Site Evaluation and Operations
- Debris Removal and Disposal Monitoring Responsibilities
- Environmental and Historic Preservation Concerns
- Supplemental Assistance
- FEMA Debris Management Policies and Guidelines