

DEBRIS MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This plan has been developed to provide the framework for County government and other entities to clear and remove debris generated during a public emergency within Calhoun County. The Calhoun County Debris Management Plan was developed for a number of key reasons, including:

- To provide organizational structure, guidance, and standardized guidelines for the clearance, removal, and disposal of debris caused by a major debris- generating event.
- To provide a centralized repository of information critical to kicking-off and operating a disaster debris management program, which will include debris staging sites, zone maps, road lists.
- Establish the most efficient and cost effective methods to resolve disaster debris removal and disposal issues.
- To identify important rules, regulations, and guidelines enacted by FEMA, AEMA and other agencies governing the disaster debris removal process.
- Implement and coordinate private sector debris removal and disposal contracts to maximize cleanup efficiencies.
- Expedite debris removal and disposal efforts that provide visible signs of recovery designed to mitigate the threat to the health, safety, and welfare of County residents.
- Identifying key steps Calhoun County's jurisdictions will need to take prior to and during a disaster event.

All communities have unique circumstances that impact their response to disaster events.

These circumstances include:

- local business/ industry base
- land use
- size of the region
- topography
- economics
- etc.

Calhoun County has made an effort to address these unique circumstances during the development of this Debris Management Plan. This focus is necessary in order to respond to the extraordinary demands placed on public and private resources for debris management following a disaster event.



The ability to respond appropriately to disaster events depends upon the preparedness of municipalities and the effectiveness of the professionals and volunteers who are immediately available to them. When local response resources become overwhelmed in addressing a disaster, response managers need to turn to other communities within their county, or to the State and the private sector for help.

The Calhoun County Debris Management Plan seeks to provide guidance for development and implementation of all elements involved in managing debris removal operations when the scope and severity of a hazard event overwhelms an individual community's response capabilities.

