



Guidance on Requesting VDEM Supported Curbside Debris Removal Operations

VDEM will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis. Key factors that will determine if VDEM will be able to support a curbside debris mission include, but are not limited to:

- Assessment that the locality has exceeded its capability to remove debris from the disaster
- Availability of funding
- Completeness of mission request
- Eligibility under current FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG), established under P.L. 93-288 (Stafford Act)
- Determination of cost reasonableness and necessity of debris removal (2 CFR 200)
- Availability of contractor support
- Commitment from local government to support the coordination of efforts
- Environmental and/or Historic Preservation requirements
- Other funding sources that might be available to support

Overview and Requirements

- Debris must be related to the disaster for which the mission is being requested
- VDEM support is limited to debris removal from public property and public right of ways
 - Therefore, private property owners, or volunteer organizations will need to move debris to the public right of way for VDEM contractors to remove the debris
- VDEM support will require local commitment and coordination, including identifying disposal site, coordination with volunteer and faith-based organizations, and public messaging
- VDEM supported debris removal operations must be eligible in accordance with the PAPPG and will dictate what debris VDEM is able to pick up and what we cannot pick up.
- VDEM supported debris removal operations must have a debris removal contractor and a separate debris monitoring contractor. The Department of General Services (DGS) has a pre-disaster negotiated contract.
- VDEM supported debris removal operations are purposeful and planned to identify as much debris in each locality as possible to get an accurate scope of work and reasonable cost estimate from vendors on the statewide contract.
- There will be ramp-up time to assess statewide debris needs, identify a scope of work, and negotiate with contractors on the statewide debris contract, and develop public messaging, and ensure compliance and adherence to all environmental and historical concerns and regulations.



- VDEM supported debris removal operations require significant coordination with the Virginia Department of General Services, Environmental Quality, Transportation, Conservation and Recreation, Wildlife Resources, federal agencies, and volunteer and faith-based organizations.
- A separate mission must be submitted for waterway debris (see separate guidance)
- VDEM supported debris removal operations will not duplicate efforts already being taken by VDOT, and will not remove vegetative debris from the public road or public right of way that VDOT is responsible to remove.
- Due to eligibility concerns regarding the source of the debris, VDEM support will not remove debris that was previously staged at another location without prior approval.

Curbside Debris WebEOC Request for Assistance (RFA)

- Curbside debris removal requests should be comprehensive, and like all requests use the CSALTT (Capability, Size, Amount, Location, Type, and Time) criteria. Mission requests must include:
 - Important local contacts to include public works, waste management, emergency management, public information officer, and others as appropriate.
 - Location of Area(s) needing debris removal. Examples include
 - Names of Neighborhoods
 - Export of addresses of damaged homes in Crisis Track
 - This helps ensure that curbside debris is associated with the specific disaster.
 - Photos from Crisis Track of damaged homes
 - Photos of debris piles already at the edge of the property
 - Estimate of quantity of debris by vegetative, construction and demolition, white goods, household hazardous waste, titled property such as cars and boats, and rocks/sand or silt.
 - Identify hazardous materials such as asbestos that may be mixed in with construction and demolition debris
 - If assistance is needed in estimating debris, please request technical assistance from VDEM.
 - Names of Public Areas
 - List of public lands or parks where debris is present and needs to be picked up
 - Utilizing the debris module in Crisis Track, either in the field or by desktop circle areas where known debris is present. Export these locations with pictures and include with mission.



- Estimate of quantity of debris by vegetative, construction and demolition, household hazardous waste, and rocks/sand or silt.
- If assistance is needed in estimating debris, please request technical assistance from VDEM
- List the name, address, phone number, and contact of the appropriate landfill/disposal site where the debris will be disposed.
 - Identify if the debris site is outside of your city/county

The following language should be included in the WebEOC RFA:

Under my authority, I (Insert Chief Elected Official), as the Chief Elected Official or as the Authorized Designee of (Insert Locality), am requesting the Commonwealth of Virginia conduct curbside (land based) debris removal and debris monitoring operations within our jurisdiction. Our jurisdiction's solid waste management program is unable to support this need within our community and (insert locality) authorizes the Commonwealth to conduct these operations on our behalf. I will ensure that the appropriate staff is available to work collaboratively with the State in the execution of this operation. Your local point of contact will be (insert name, title, email, and phone number)

Debris Disposal Locations

I do/do not have a debris disposal site within my local jurisdiction that is permitted by DEQ. The location is (insert address), and contact phone number is (insert number).

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that state debris support will be limited to debris generated by (insert disaster name) that is accessible from a publicly owned road. The state does not have authority to remove debris from private property. For support in removing debris that has been deposited in creeks, streams, or waterways (insert locality) (will or will not) submit an application to the National Resource Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Program. For immediate threat debris removal from waterways – a separate mission will need to be submitted to VDEM. The state debris support will not duplicate work already being done by my local jurisdiction, Virginia Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Department of Agriculture, or other agencies that have specific jurisdiction over debris. I acknowledge that there may be a cost share associated with this request.