

## **Section 11: Debris Clearance General Information**

### **I PURPOSE**

To describe how debris clearance will be accomplished in Swift County in the event of a natural, manmade, or nuclear Disaster.

### **II RESPONSIBILITIES (\*50, \*51, \*52)**

- A. Outside City Limits: The Swift County Engineer will be responsible for debris removal.
- B. Outside City Limits: The Swift County Solid Waste office will be responsible for debris disposition.
- C. Inside City Limits: Within a municipality, the City Engineer or Public Works Department will be responsible for debris clearance.
- D. Private Industry Resources: (See resource manual)

# **Standard Operating Guideline to Section 11 Debris Clearance**

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This SOG is intended to provide general information and guidance necessary to provide debris clearance after a disaster in Swift County.

## **II POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (\*51)**

- A. Unless directed otherwise by the County Commissioners, or under extremely unusual circumstance, removal of debris from private property is the responsibility of the property owner.
- B. Residents will be asked to sort debris by:
  - 1. Trees / Brush
  - 2. White goods (appliances)
  - 3. Household hazardous waste
  - 4. Construction/demolition materials
  - 5. Regular garbage
- C. Debris will be collected by: outside city limits – the Swift County Highway Department; inside city limits – the City Engineer or Public Works Department will be responsible. They will be deposited at Geyer’s dump site.
- D. Determination of emergency routes will depend on the nature and location of the debris generating event, and will be identified by the incident commander.
- E. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and West Central Environmental Services will assist with the disposal of hazardous waste.
- F. MPCA, the Board of Animal Health, the Department of Agriculture will advise/assist on the disposal of animal carcasses.
- G. If additional debris clearance equipment is needed, it would be obtained through the sources listed in the Resource Manual.
- H. Contracting procedures will be determined by the Swift County Auditors Office.
- I. Countryside Public Health or the City Water Treatment Plant will be responsible for protection of suitable drinking water. They will also assist in ordering and disbursement of portable toilets and their continued service throughout the disaster.

- J. The public works entities within Swift County do not have mutual aid agreements, but in the event assistance is required the chairperson of the county board will work with the mayors in the county to obtain assistance in the communities required. This will also relate to adjacent communities outside the county.
  
- K. See Resource Manual for portable toilets and contractors.