

Section 11: Debris Management

General Information

I PURPOSE

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

II RESPONSIBILITIES (*46, *47)

- A. Outside City Limits: The Swift County Engineer and Solid Waste Officer will be responsible for the management of debris.
- B. Inside City Limits: Within a municipality, the City Manager or Public Works Department along with the County Engineer and County Solid Waste Officer will be responsible for the management of debris.
- D. Private contractors can be brought in at the discretion of the Incident Commander, along with city and/or county officials. (See Resource Manual)

Standard Operating Procedures for Section 11 Debris Management

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

II POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (*46)

- 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 or another officially designated 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 will assist in monitoring rural water needs.
- J. Municipal water treatment plants will be responsible for the protection of suitable drinking water and sanitation/sewer needs.

K. 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.

L. See Resource Manual for portable toilets and contractors.

III SOLID WASTE INFORMATION (*47)

During and after a disaster, the Swift County Solid Waste officer will be in charge of technical assistance for debris removal within the county for private and public property.

1. Current landfill operations for the county involves sorting solid waste within the county, which then is sent out of Swift County via transfer station to Gwinner, North Dakota, by truck.

The Solid Waste Management Plan for Swift County is located on file with the Swift County Environmental Services office.