

CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
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To the Residents of Lakeview Drive affected by the Flood

The City of Cottonwood Shores is in the process of developing an organized plan to assist you in removing debris and other refuse brought in by the flood. As of this letter, the following is the procedure, but keep in mind, this is a work in progress. Please check the Cottonwood Shores web site (www.cottonwoodshores.org) as more details are available.

Disposal Dumpsters

The City will bring in 5 large dumpsters placed at intervals along Lakeview Drive. These dumpsters will be labeled "Organic" and "All Other". Organic is considered tree limbs, stumps, or any other plant related material – **no fish**. "All Other" is pretty much everything else that has washed up onto your property, except any type of hazardous waste which cannot be put into the dumpsters. Any boat or other small craft to be removed will require a notarized letter from the owner or from the City, with the serial number, giving permission to remove the vessel.

The City, with the assistance of the County, will remove the debris from the street and load into the appropriate dumpster. ***Your primary responsibility is to bring the debris to the street separated into Organic and Other piles.*** Your part in this can start happening immediately, as long as you remain safe. If you wish to go ahead and start putting items in the dumpsters, you may. Please keep in mind, however, the dumpsters cannot be overfilled or they will not be picked up. Trash cannot be over the top edge of the dumpster. The City will monitor levels and contact Republic Waste to pick up full dumpsters and bring in new ones.

Hazardous Waste

We are coordinating with the County Hazardous Waste Manager to establish a process. Check the web site to monitor.

Fish

Disposal of the dead fish will be the property owner's and the vulture's responsibility. The City does not have the resources to gather and dispose of the fish. Dead fish should NOT be put into the lake or the dumpsters.

Construction Debris

If your property will require construction and/or teardown, your contractor will need to provide a collection receptacle for those debris. The City provided dumpsters may not be used for construction debris.

Other

Please keep in mind the weather will play a huge part in the cleanup process. Dumpsters cannot be picked up and replaced in the mud. Contact the police department for pickup of dead deer.

ATS Inspections

ATS is the engineering firm that provides the City's building inspections. They have offered to do damage assessment inspections free of charge. We will be sending them to the affected properties to inspect. Please allow them to inspect.

SCAMMERS

If a company or person says they want to volunteer to help with the cleanup, BEWARE. Most of these are volunteering for a price. Turn them away and call the police. If you decide to hire someone to help you with the cleanup of your property, we require them to come to city hall and register as a contractor before work is done. This is so we know who is in the City. If they do not have a completed form, they may be sent away by the police. This is being done for the protection of all.

PLEASE BE PATIENT, the City wants this disaster alleviated as quickly as you do and will do all we can to help.

INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES:

Do you need a permit for flood-damaged properties?

WHAT REQUIRES A PERMIT:

- Roof repair/replacement
- ALL structural repairs
- Mechanical system repairs
- Electrical repairs
- Plumbing repairs

All City permit fees and cleanup contractor registration fees related to flood damages that occurred over the last week will be waived. Since we contract the inspection functions, inspection fees will not be waived. It is the city's goal to ensure any permitted work is built to safe building standards and codes adopted by the Cottonwood Shores and completed to the quality that all residents deserve.

For properties where the floodwater level did not reach electrical outlets (generally 12-18 inches) and/or equipment, the Pedernales Electric Cooperative can be contacted directly at (830) 693-5525 to turn electricity service to the property back on. Where water levels did reach electrical outlets and/or equipment, the property owner must have an electrician verify the electrical system in the structure is safe in order to obtain an electrical permit, at no cost, from the City, which will allow PEC to issue a waiver release and reactivate the electricity at that location.

If you are unclear as to whether or not your scope of work requires a permit, call City Hall at (830) 693-3830.

City inspectors DO NOT do insurance claim assessments. Contact your insurance provider to report your claim.

If you hire a contractor, make sure they are insured and licensed and they get a permit from the City.

Good advice when hiring a contractor:

1. Make yourself familiar with them before hiring them.
2. Investigate their background.
3. Do not pay for work that is not completed.
4. Do not sign a contract if you don't understand the terms.
5. Make sure the contractor is licensed and bonded to do the work required.