

## Questions and Answers On Debris Removal from Waterways

Q - What types of debris will the contractors be removing?

A – Contractors will be removing debris in the category of ‘construction and demolition’ (C&D), which is generally debris caused by damage to structures. They will also be removing white goods, e-waste, household hazardous waste, and vessels that were deposited in the wetlands by Hurricane Sandy. Between the mean high water line and the storm surge line, contractors will not be removing green/vegetative debris unless it is entangled in C&D debris. The debris must have been caused by Hurricane Sandy. Contractors will not be removing household trash or any debris/garbage deemed ineligible.

Q: What if a property owner has personal property in his/her marshland that should not be removed?

A: If you have personal property in a marsh area that you do NOT WANT removed by the debris removal contractor (e.g., boats in storage, lumber, yard equipment, etc.), please secure it so that it is obvious that it is not debris or mark it with a conspicuous label (an example is provided as Attachment A).

Q: How do I know that the people on my property are the duly authorized State debris removal contractors?

A: All authorized contractors must carry photo identification and wear identifying vests. Contractors have been instructed to make contact with property owners when possible.

Q: What if I am not sure if the people on my property are the State’s debris removal contractors?

A: If you have any concerns, your local police department will have the names of all crew members and the contact information of a supervisor. You may contact your local police department with any concerns.

Q: What if the contractors take something that was my personal property?

A: Debris collected will be transported to a landfill and will not be reclaimable. Therefore, it is extremely important that you secure or LABEL YOUR PROPERTY.

Q: How do I know where the storm surge line is?

A: Storm surge is defined as a rise in level of coastal water above the usual tide level as a hurricane or other intense storm moves over water, causing flooding when the storm comes ashore. Surge line maps are available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/wwdebris.htm>, showing computer modeled storm surge line estimates from Hurricane Sandy.

Q: What if land owners do not want the debris contractors on their property?

A: Land owners may ask the debris contractors to leave their property at any time. Contractors have also been instructed to make reasonable efforts to find the property owner (e.g. knocking on the door) and advise them of the work to take place.

Q: When will debris contractors be in my area?

A: The schedules of debris contractors are very dynamic and are influenced by a number of factors, including weather, the volumes of debris they find, and equipment requirements. Estimated schedules providing a two-week forecast will be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricanesandy/wwdebris.htm> and are updated weekly to provide the best information possible.

Work will only take place during daylight hours.

Attachment A

**Notice to Hurricane Sandy Waterway  
Debris Contractors**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY  
DO  
NOT  
REMOVE**

**Please call: \_\_\_\_\_ with questions  
(your phone number)**