

## Pre-Event planning

Preparing for any emergency takes a lot of planning. Having a personal plan in place can reduce the risk of injury and or property loss. Being prepared will not only reduce anxiety, but will help give you the confidence that you are primarily in charge of your destiny. Here are a few key elements in creating that plan:

- Have a disaster supplies kit at home on hand at all times
- Develop a plan specific to your needs, access the Red Cross web-site:

[http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0\\_71\\_,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_71_,00.html)

- Teach family members how and when to turn off Gas, Electricity, and Water
- Purchase an inexpensive analog phone in the event that the electricity is lost. If there is still phone service available, you will be able to use your house phone
- Bring in all loose articles and plants around your house, including garbage cans and any other potentially dangerous objects that can be made air borne

## Important Phone Numbers

### City

*Police Department 316-1201*

*(Non– Emergency)*

*Streets and Highway 365-7870*

*Solid Waste 365-7651*

*Utilities Department 955-2325*

*After Hours emergency 955-2325*

*City Hall 365-2200*

### Sarasota County

*Call Center 861-5000*

*Emergency 911*



## Public Works Post Disaster Debris Management

- ♦ *What does the Public Works Department do immediately after a storm?*
- ♦ *What should the Public do to stay safe after a disaster strikes.*
- ♦ *How you can help to speed up the recovery efforts and return to a sense of normalcy.*

## Debris removal responsibilities



(City of Sarasota)

The Public Works Department has a plan for post disaster opening of roads and cleanup of storm debris, it includes:

Immediately after a storm, crews work to open roads by clearing debris for emergency vehicles. They will also dispatch Utility Crews to restore water and sewer services that have been interrupted by uprooted trees and loss of facilities.

Within 72 hrs, contractors will start to remove storm debris from the rights of ways and the City will provide for garbage pickup.

Listen to Local TV and Radio stations for updates, such as Access 19,102.5 FM, and NOAA weather radio. Also, visit our web-site at

<http://www.sarasotagov.com/>

## Debris Separation at the Right of Ways

(Homeowner)

Homeowners should separate into separate piles, all storm related debris as listed below to avoid unnecessary delays in pickup by Contractors:

*Garbage*- place spoiled food in containers, or double bag it for pick-up

*Household goods*- furniture, clothes, books, toys and carpet

*Vegetative*- tree limbs and trunks

*Construction materials*- drywall, roof shingles, aluminum



## Tips

Avoid stacking debris by utility poles, under power lines, on top of water meters or other water connections, by fire hydrants, by vehicles, next to mailboxes, fences or on storm drains

The City cannot enter private property to remove debris. Place all storm debris along the curb.

Do not place storm debris in the street

Do not use plastic bags for yard waste. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

Horticultural debris must be a result of a storm. Contract monitors will inspect debris piles for compliance. If a debris pile is deemed ineligible because it is non-storm related, it will not be collected.