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## **USACE begins debris separation, segregation in Tuscaloosa**

**MOBILE, Ala.** – Today the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District contractor Phillips & Jordan, Inc. began the process of debris separation and segregation along public rights of way/curbsides in the city of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The city of Tuscaloosa requested USACE assistance through the Alabama Emergency Management Agency Operations Center and FEMA. The city is prioritizing the separation and segregation activities to begin in areas cleared by Search and Rescue.

The purpose of separation and segregation is to organize the debris for follow-on removal. To support this effort, residents are asked to separate debris at the curbside into the following categories: household garbage; construction debris; vegetative debris; household hazardous waste; white goods; and electronics. The attachment provides more detail on how residents affected by tornado storms can assist with this effort.

Phillips & Jordan provides overall management and local contractors who want to assist can find sign-up information for subcontract opportunities via the USACE Mobile District Homepage at [www.sam.usace.army.mil](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil).

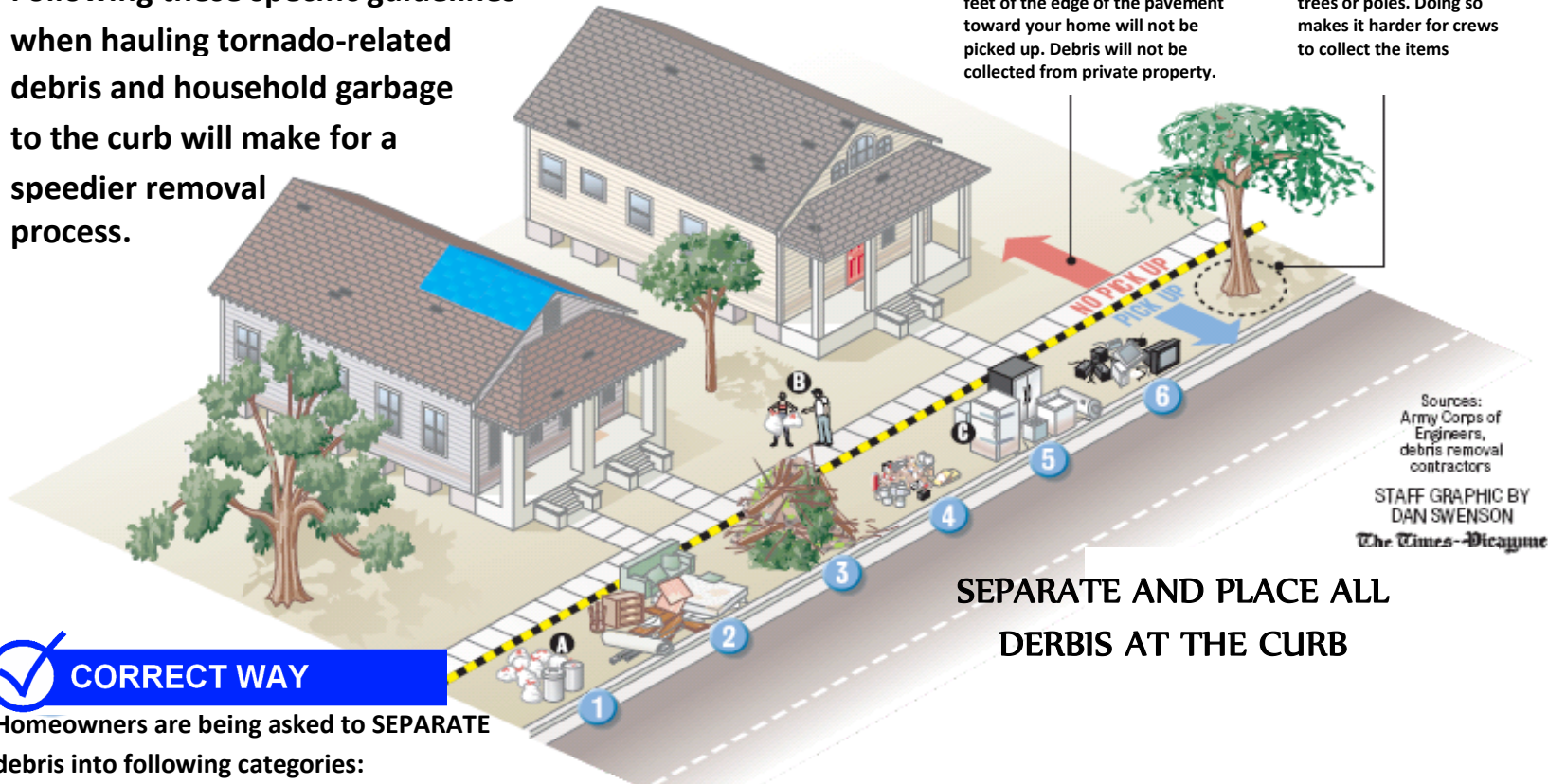
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## HELPFUL HINTS

- Place all garbage carts and bags containing household garbage at the curbside away from all tornado-related debris for collection
- Refrigerator and freezer doors must be secured with duct tape
- Make sure that no debris blocks or protrudes into the road way
- Share piles with neighbors
- Do not place debris on top of water meters, gas meters or fire hydrants
- Do not place debris directly around mail boxes, power poles, or other inanimate objects
- Do not place debris under power lines

# PICKING UP THE PIECES

Following these specific guidelines when hauling tornado-related debris and household garbage to the curb will make for a speedier removal process.



## CORRECT WAY

Homeowners are being asked to SEPARATE debris into following categories:

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| <p><b>1 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bagged Garbage</li> <li>▶ Discard Food (bagged)</li> <li>▶ Packaging, papers, etc...(bagged)</li> <li>▶ All garbage should be placed curbside the night before your scheduled pick-up day</li> </ul> | <p><b>2 CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Building materials</li> <li>▶ Drywall</li> <li>▶ Lumber</li> <li>▶ Carpet</li> <li>▶ Furniture</li> <li>▶ Mattresses</li> <li>▶ Plumbing</li> </ul> | <p><b>3 VEGETATIVE DEBRIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Tree branches</li> <li>▶ Leaves</li> <li>▶ Logs</li> </ul> | <p><b>4 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Oils</li> <li>▶ Batteries</li> <li>▶ Pesticides</li> <li>▶ Paints</li> <li>▶ Cleaning Supplies</li> <li>▶ Compressed gas</li> </ul> | <p><b>5 WHITE GOODS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Refrigerators</li> <li>▶ Washers, Dryers</li> <li>▶ Freezers</li> <li>▶ Air Conditioners</li> <li>▶ Stoves</li> <li>▶ Water heater</li> <li>▶ Dishwasher</li> </ul> | <p><b>6 ELECTRONICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Television</li> <li>▶ Computer</li> <li>▶ Radios</li> <li>▶ Stereos</li> <li>▶ DVD players</li> <li>▶ Telephones</li> </ul> |
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## REPORT ALL TORNADO-RELATED STORM DAMAGE TO FEMA AND YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.

Register with FEMA one of the following ways

- 1) Call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
- 2) [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov)
- 3) Visit a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center
  - American Legion Post: 3120 University Blvd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
  - Coaling Town Hall: 11281 Stephens Loop Rd, Coaling, AL 35023

### OTHER ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Internet access is available at all [Tuscaloosa Public Library](#) locations - (205)345-5820

MAIN: 1801 Jack Warner Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (assistance available)

BROWN: 300 Bobby Miller Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

WEAVER BOLDEN: 2252 Lanier Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

For assistance separating and moving debris to the curb call – (205) 248- 5045

Visit [www.GiveTuscaloosa.com](http://www.GiveTuscaloosa.com)

