

# Managing Debris from Declared Disasters: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Guidance Document



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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) issued a guidance document titled:

*Managing Debris from Declared Disasters (“Guidance”)*

ADEQ states that the document is being issued in response to the June 2019 flood disaster in Arkansas.

Natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, etc., usually generate a great deal of debris. Natural disaster debris typically refers to material and waste streams such as building materials, sediments, vegetative debris, and personal property. Handling new debris may potentially trigger a variety of state and/or federal regulatory requirements. Depending upon the amount of debris generated, quantities may need to be handled that are greater than the amount of waste a typical community handles each year.

The ADEQ Guidance document addresses a variety of topics, which include:

- Disposing of Debris (including a list of debris that may be generated)
- Applicability
- County or municipal solid waste operators
- Persons other than authorized county or municipal solid waste operators
- Disaster Declarations
- Sorting and Stockpiling Debris Before Disposal or Burning
- Temporary Debris Management Sites
- Options for Burning (including a discussion of open burning)
- Disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Disposal of Animal Carcasses
- Asbestos Abatement
- Options for Management of Segregated Debris
- Regional Solid Waste Management Districts
- Appendix 1: County Application to Burn Vegetative Debris
- Appendix 2: Asbestos Notice of Intent
- Appendix 3: Environmental Controls for Open Burning
- Appendix 4: Environmental Controls for an Air Curtain Incinerator

- Appendix 5: Arkansas Emergency Managers

A copy of the *Guidance* can be found [here](#).