

For Immediate Release – July 29th, 2008

Rancho Viejo, Texas – The Town of Rancho Viejo will begin clearing “*hurricane generated debris*” on Tuesday, July 29th in the Town of Rancho Viejo. The Town has secured the services of CERES Environmental Services, Inc. to remove “*hurricane generated debris*” from the public Rights-of-Way. Additionally, the Town has also contracted Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc. to monitor and document the debris removal operations.

- Residents should make every effort to place debris along the public right-of-way. This should include storm damaged limbs, branches, household hazardous wastes, white goods (washers, dryers, and refrigerators) and construction and demolition debris.
- When setting out “*hurricane generated debris*”, please make reasonable attempts to not obstruct traffic as these may pose a threat to public health and safety. Trees and branches should be cut in approximately 8-12 foot lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way or within 5 feet of the curb.
- Please put as much storm generated debris along your right-of-way being cautious **not** to obstruct mailboxes, utility access points such as electric and water meters or fire hydrants as these could be damaged by heavy equipment during loading.
- During the debris removal process, Town contractors will be collecting debris setout along the right-of-way. Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Crews will have flag-persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operation. Please be cautious when passing and exercise slow speeds in these areas.
- The Town will make 3 passes or sweeps throughout the Town over the next several weeks. This means that residents throughout the Town will have several opportunities to place hurricane generated debris along the right-of-way in front of their house. The Town has not set a deadline for collection at this time; however additional information regarding the last day for right-of-way collection will be forthcoming.
- Please do not mix household garbage, treated wood (such as fences), tires, or roof shingles with the vegetative debris. These items will be picked up by crews *separately* during the debris removal process. It is imperative that residents please do not mix hazardous material, such as paint cans, aerosol sprays, batteries, or appliances with vegetative debris.
- To report any property damage incurred during this debris removal operation please call the Beck Disaster Recovery hotline (877) 237-7782.

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