



## ALABAMA TORNADO – 2019

### Community Association Steps to Remove Debris after a Disaster

For community associations that own their roads, there are special instructions to work with FEMA for debris removal. To have debris removal reimbursed by FEMA, your community association manager and/or board must follow the FEMA process.

#### IMPORTANT FACTS

1. Community associations **will not** be reimbursed by FEMA for debris removal. Localities (i.e. Lee County) must remove the debris for FEMA reimbursement.
2. Localities must have legal authority to remove debris.
3. Community associations must submit a [right of entry indemnification form](#) to the locality.
4. The state Emergency Management Act may provide the localities with the legal authority they need to remove debris from private communities impacted by the disaster event.
5. Following hurricanes in other states, community associations saved hundreds of thousands up to millions of dollars (each) on debris removal because they followed the bureaucratic process set forth by FEMA.

#### STEPS: COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STEPS TO WORK WITH FEMA TO REMOVE DEBRIS

In addition to communicating with your residents, below is a list of steps you must take with your local municipality, so they will remove debris in your community and qualify for reimbursement by FEMA.

1. The community must be in contact with the local municipality; city/town manager, mayor, council, etc... This contact must happen immediately.
2. Provide the locality with an example of a resolution they may pass to meet the legal obligation of removing debris. ([Download template here](#)).
3. Complete and submit the FEMA [right of entry indemnification form](#) to the locality. This meets a FEMA requirement for reimbursement.
4. Wait for the locality to remove debris. If they decline to remove debris, the community may want to consider legally hauling the debris to a public road where the locality will remove debris. Or, the community may remove the debris using their own funds and contractor. Note: If the community removes the debris, FEMA will not reimburse.

#### Important Documents

- [FEMA Guidance](#) for debris removal on private roads for Hurricane Michael
- [Right of Entry Authorization and Indemnification Form](#) (obtain from your local government)
- [Sample Locality Resolution](#)

#### Questions and Follow-Up with CAI

Please contact Dawn Bauman at [dbauman@caionline.org](mailto:dbauman@caionline.org) or (703) 970-9224 with any questions or about



your experiences working with your locality. It is helpful for us to share this information with the Governor's office and other localities.