



# DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES

## WHAT IS A DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITE?

Under Florida law\*, disaster debris management sites (DDMSs) are authorized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to be used for **temporary** storage and management of storm-generated debris. These sites allow for proper staging, sorting and removal of debris.

Following an Executive Order by the Governor declaring a state of emergency, a request for DDMS authorization is made by a local, state or federal government entity responsible for disaster debris management within the DDMS site's jurisdiction. DEP then reviews and authorizes the request.

\*403.7071, Florida Statutes (F.S.)

Governor  
declares  
state of  
emergency.

Local, state or  
federal entity  
requests a  
DDMS.

DEP  
authorizes  
DDMS  
request.

## DDMS REQUIREMENTS

Only construction and demolition debris, land clearing debris, yard trash, vegetative debris or Class III waste may be stored within a DDMS.

DDMSs are **temporary** but a site authorization may be extended to facilitate completion of debris management.

Areas used for or affected by the operation of a DDMS must be fully restored to their prior condition, and environmental sampling may be conducted to ensure the site's safety. DEP must be informed in writing when all closure activities at a DDMS are completed.



For more information on DDMSs, please visit  
[FloridaDEP.gov](http://FloridaDEP.gov)

