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Attachment: Map

Final Passes For Debris Removal Announced

St. Tammany Parish has been divided into three areas to manage final passes for debris removal from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The final pass for debris removal in Area 1 will begin Monday, May 1. All storm debris must be to the street for pick up in Area 1 by May 1. Area 1 includes areas outside of municipalities in zip codes 70438, 70427, 70437, 70435, 70431, 70420, and 70452.

After the final pass, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the cutting and removal of hurricane damaged vegetation as well as construction and demolition debris. Therefore, it is essential that residents have all debris moved to the right-of-way for pick up before the final pass begins in each area. Only eligible debris will be picked up in the final pass.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, 44 Sub-Part H, 206.224 Debris Removal, removal of storm generated debris is in the public interest when it is necessary to:

1. Eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety; or
2. Eliminate immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property.

Private and/or commercial property that is unimproved or is used for crops and livestock is not eligible for reimbursement under this debris removal program and is the owner's responsibility. Land clearing operations and/or property development or any other operation that generates debris not related to the storm is the responsibility of the land owner, developer and/or contractor as it pertains to disposal. This type of debris should not be pushed to the Right-Of-Way (ROW) which may create a health and safety hazard and the owner/developer/contractor should review and adhere to the parish ordinance as it pertains to non-storm generated debris disposal. Debris generated from these ineligible locations and placed at the ROW is considered a manmade hazard and becomes the liability of the property owner and/or contractor.

Property owners are asked to follow the above regulations when putting debris out for pick up in St. Tammany Parish. Debris pick up is only for storm debris, not for land clearing, new construction, garage cleaning or other uses. FEMA will only pick up storm debris. Other debris must be removed by the property owner.

Debris from homes that have been gutted by the property owner or volunteer groups is considered eligible debris if it does not contain asbestos. If the debris contains asbestos, call the EPA/DEQ at 1-800-401-1327.

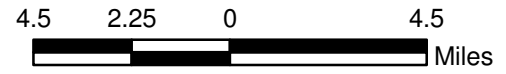
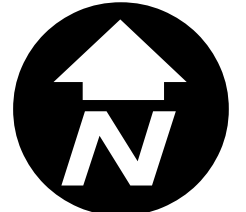
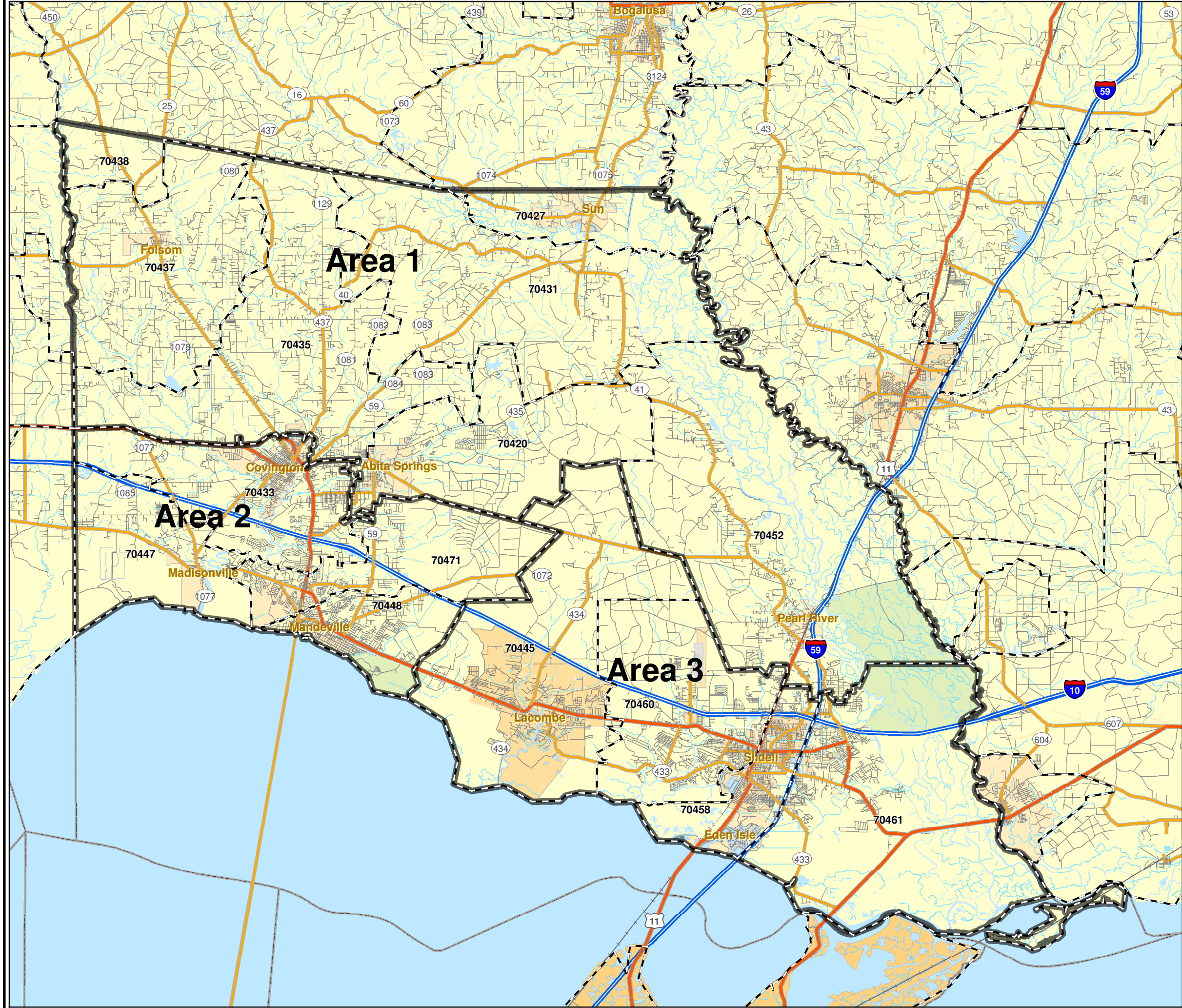
The final pass for Area 2 is scheduled to begin Monday, May 8. All storm debris must be to the street for pick up in Area 2 by May 8. Area 2 includes the unincorporated areas of zip codes 70433, 70471, 70447 and 70448.

Area 3 begins May 15 and includes zip codes in the unincorporated areas of 70445, 70460, 70458 and 70461. All storm debris must be to the street for pick up in Area 3 by May 15.




This final pass will also include a stump removal program. Over 5,000 stumps have been identified as eligible for pick up by FEMA. Approximately 350,000 cubic yards of debris remain in St. Tammany Parish. Over 6 million cubic yards have been cleared to date.

For additional information, call the debris hotline at 898-2323.

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Legend

-  Work Areas
-  Parish Boundary
-  Zip Code Boundary



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**ATTACHMENT A
DESIGNATED AREAS FOR FINAL PASS**

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