

Debris Cleanup Guidance

The Monroe County Emergency Management Agency is issuing this Debris Cleanup Guidance sheet to the families and individuals who were affected by the recent March 31st tornado. This guidance sheet has the purpose of assisting with a safe and effective long-term cleanup process.



Dumpsters

The Monroe County Government will be providing a set amount of large roll-off dumpsters that can be located in safe locations within the affected areas. These dumpsters will be provided as long as they are being used for the cleanup process. When a dumpster becomes full, K&S will come by to pick it up to go dump it, and then they will bring the empty dumpster back. If you are in need of a dumpster, please make arrangements by calling the Emergency Management Office at 812-349-2546.

What can you place in the dumpster?

- Painted/varnished/glued wood or wood product
- Furniture
- Siding
- Ceiling and Floor Tiles
- Piping
- No hazardous materials or waste
- No electronic materials

Outdoor Burning

We ask anyone who may choose to burn debris to please practice good fire safety. Only burn at times when you can fully monitor the fire. Ensure the pile is a controllable size. Ensure you have some sort of water source to extinguish the fire when needed and weather is favorable.

Only burn clean wood. No trash or other materials will be acceptable.



See the back for information on disposal of household hazardous waste and appliances



Disposal of Household hazardous waste and appliances

The Monroe County Solid Waste Management District (MCSWMD) will be picking up solid waste from the affected areas within the northwestern part of Monroe County starting on Thursday, April 13th. MCSWMD will be driving around Wolf Mountain Road, Texas Ridge Road, and County Line Road starting at 1:00 PM to pick up any of the following items that homeowners may need to dispose of:

- Appliances
- E-Waste (TVs, stereos, VCRs, DVD players etc.)
- Auto/light truck tires
- Propane tanks (up to 100lbs)
- Household hazardous waste (paints, cleaners, pesticides, auto fluids)



If you would like to have any of these items disposed of for you at no cost by the MCSWMD, please place the item(s) on the side of the road or curve prior to 1:00 PM Thursday. The Solid Waste Management District will continue to pick up items on the side of the road each Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM until Thursday, April 27th. MCSWMD does require all appliances to be emptied prior to placing them on the side of the road for pickup. Also, if you have several smaller chemical containers, please place them in a cardboard box or another larger container to help ease the pickup process.

If you prefer to drop off these items yourself, the Solid Waste Management District can take any of the above items Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30am to 5:30pm, at their Household Hazardous Waste facility located at 3400 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN 47401. You may drop these items off at no charge.

Safety Reminder:

Please remember to wear appropriate protective clothing while conducting debris removal and cleanup activities. Wearing gloves, boots, and long pants can help prevent injuries. Stay hydrated and take frequent breaks. Don't carry large items by yourself.

Assistance:

The Emergency Management Office does have a list of volunteer organizations that have reached out with an interest in assisting with cleanup. If you'd be interested in any of these organizations helping you out, feel free to contact Justin Baker at 812-325-4321 and arrangements can be made.