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SOLID WASTE & DISASTER DEBRIS PROGRAM

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM – GENERAL

The Commissioner’s Court of Hidalgo County has ordered a Solid Waste Disposal program and has adopted Rules and Guidelines in order to safeguard the public health; to ensure the safety of county employees, efficient operation of these centers, and to ensure that only residential waste from rural and unincorporated area county residents disposed of those collections centers.

DISASTER DEBRIS – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to allow the Elected Official, their Designee, or a Deputy Constable assigned to the environmental crimes unit to authorize of a “One Day Pass”, as allowed by this policy for disaster relief or debris. Disaster debris is the material and waste streams resulting from natural or human-made disasters. These disasters range from hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, droughts, structure fires and animal disease outbreaks. Chemical spills, nuclear power plant accidents and terrorist attacks involving conventional, chemical, radiological, or biological agents are types of disasters caused by humans.

DEBRIS MITIGATION – POLICY

Natural or human-made disasters can leave behind a broad range of debris streams, or types, that the Precinct may have to manage and mitigate to better assist our residents. Thus, it will be the internal policy of the Office of the Precinct 3 Commissioner, to offer a “One Day Pass”, at no cost, which will be dated and authorized by the elected official or their designee. These passes will have a time limit of one (1) week from the date of issue. The “One Day Pass” will be presented and collected by a Precinct sanitation attendant at the respected collection site. The “One Day Pass” will be utilized to increase the sustainable management of debris to reduce the amount of waste and illegally dumped trash in our Precinct impacting water flow on our drainage systems, waterways and serve as breeding grounds for rodents and dangerous mosquitos that carry harmful diseases.



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ONE DAY PASS – PROTOCOL

The "One Day Pass" provides mitigation efforts to better assist the Precinct resident recover from the disaster. The "One Day Pass" may only be authorized by the elected official, their designee or a deputy constable assigned to the environmental crimes unit. The "One Day Pass" may only be issued once during the disaster mitigation. The "One Day Pass" will be screened by the Attendant in Charge for the affixed signature of the Elected Official, their Designee, or the Deputy Constable and the date of issuance. If the "One Day Pass" is affixed with a signature of a Deputy Constable, the law enforcement officer will also affix their badge number. The "One Day Pass" will be documented by administrative staff during the time of issuance and reference the type of disaster sustained (e.g. structure fire, brush fire, flooding, inclement weather).

ONE DAY PASS – GENERAL DISCLAIMER

The "One Day Pass", does not supersede, the Solid Waste Disposal program fees, rules and guidelines that the Commissioner's Court of Hidalgo County adopted.