



PRESS RELEASE

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### **Debris Removal from Hurricane Helene Press Release**

WATAUGA COUNTY, NC – Watauga County Emergency Services would like to inform the public of the system in place for debris removal from Hurricane Helene. Beginning today, September 29th, members of the public will see trucks labeled “SDR” driving through Watauga County and its municipalities. SDR is a debris removal company that specializes in disaster debris removal, and has contracted its service to Watauga County and the Town of Boone to assist with cleanup.

In following with guidance from FEMA, county residents are asked to do the following:

1. Maintain documentation of debris clean-up. This documentation can be a picture of the debris prior to clean-up efforts and post clean-up efforts.
2. Separate debris into five (5) piles:
  - a. Construction debris (i.e. drywall, building materials, carpet, etc.)
  - b. Vegetative debris (i.e. limbs, branches, plants, etc.)
  - c. Large appliances (if applicable)
  - d. Hazardous waste (i.e. oil, cleaning supplies, etc.)
  - e. Electronics (if applicable)

Debris should be placed curbside. If your street experienced any wash-outs, and a ditch was formed next to the curb, do not place debris inside the ditch. Rather, place debris as close to the curb as possible.

Watauga County’s landfill and convenience stations will be closed the week of October 1. Individual community members will not be able to access the Watauga County landfill. Please follow the guidance laid out within this release to ensure the safety of all.