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Lincoln County Health Department

**Storm Debris Management Update – Lincoln County Landfill**

Lincoln County Health Department is advising the public that the county landfill is currently experiencing capacity and operational challenges due to the large volume of storm debris generated from recent weather events across Lincoln County.

Landfills operate under strict space, safety, and regulatory requirements. Materials must be managed, sorted, and staged appropriately to ensure safe operations, fire prevention, and compliance with environmental standards. At this time, debris from the first storm event remains on site and is awaiting potential federal disaster declaration, mitigation, and formal inspection, which limits the landfill's ability to process additional large volume materials.

For this reason, the landfill is requesting that residents temporarily refrain from disposing of large tree materials, including logs, trunks, and main stem wood products. The County is actively developing a mitigation plan for these materials and is coordinating with local and state partners to identify safe, efficient, and compliant solutions.

The landfill will continue to accept:

- Branches
- Root wads
- Small tree limbs and brush

Residents are encouraged, when possible, to salvage and repurpose usable wood materials for firewood, milling, or other beneficial uses. Community cooperation, including assisting neighbors with cleanup and reuse efforts, will help reduce strain on landfill operations during this time.

Lincoln County appreciates the public's patience and understanding as agencies work together to manage storm impacts and maintain essential services. Updates will be provided as additional disposal options become available.

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