

City of Galveston

Galveston Salt Water Killed Tree (SWK) Removal Private Property Debris Removal Program (PPDR)

The following is a summary of the process for removal of Hurricane Ike Salt Water Killed (SWK) trees from private property in the City of Galveston, Texas. Each application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for qualification under City and FEMA guidelines. The following criteria must be met by each property owner wanting to participate:

Property Owner Requirements for the PPDR Program:

- Must complete and return the City Right of Entry Form Agreement (signed by all registered property owners), along with other required forms and documents. Applications submitted timely will not have to pay any cost of debris removal.
- *Provide copy of Government Issued Photo ID (Drivers License, Passport, etc.)*
- *Mail or Bring completed ROE Form to:*

**Beck Disaster Recovery Inc.
4605 Fort Crockett Blvd B
Galveston, TX 7551-5962**
- Must mark property address so that it is clearly visible from the right of way.
- Must, if safe and feasible to do so, mark or designate:
 - Sewer lines
 - Water lines
 - Septic systems
 - Other utility lines not immediately visible to the eye.

FEMA Requirements to Approve Individual PPDR:

- Review paperwork submitted by the City of Galveston
- Conduct a separate site visit of each specific property
- Approve or deny SWK-PPDR

City Procedures upon Site Approval by FEMA and State Historic Preservation Officer:

- Applications timely submitted by the property owner may not be required to pay any part of the costs. Storm related (Ike) and SWK tree removal debris will be removed; however, land will not be graded. There may be ruts and holes on the property resulting from the heavy equipment used to remove the debris.
- Follow up site visit will document completion of debris removal, including photographs.
- Copies of all documentation must be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement

PPDR Hotline Call (409) 974-4243

Address / Property ID

GPS Location

**RIGHT-OF-ENTRY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
SALT WATER KILLS**

Right of Entry

I certify that I am the owner, or an owner's authorized agent, of the property described above. I grant the right of access and entry to said property to the United States Government and its employees, agents and contractors including but not limited to the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the State of Texas, and the City of Galveston, its officers and employees, agents and contractors for the purpose of removing **Salt Water Killed trees**.

Hold Harmless

I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND CONTRACTORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND FEMA, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, CITY OF GALVESTON, AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FOR DAMAGES OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER, EITHER TO THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY OR TO PERSONS SITUATED THEREON. I RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND WAIVE ANY ACTION, EITHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, THAT MIGHT ARISE BY REASON OF ANY ACTION OF THE ABOVE ENTITIES RELATED TO THE REMOVAL OF SALT WATER KILLED TREES. I WILL MARK ANY SEWER LINES, SEPTIC TANKS, WATER LINES, AND UTILITIES LOCATED ON THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

[This section means you cannot sue the United States Government (or its employees, agents and contractors) or the State of Texas or the City of Galveston or its officers or employees for damage done during the removal of Salt Water Killed Trees. Contractor is not responsible for damages which result from negligence on the part of the landowner or a third party. Contractor is only liable for its own negligence, and that of its subcontractors]

Duplication of Benefits

Most homeowner's insurance policies have coverage to pay for removal of storm-generated debris and/or demolition. I understand that Federal law (42 United States Code 5155 et seq.) requires me to reimburse the Federal government, through the City of Galveston (eligible applicant), the cost of removing the salt water killed/hazardous trees to the extent covered in my insurance policy or any other source. I also understand that I must provide a copy of the proof/statement of loss from my insurance company to the City of Galveston (eligible applicant). If I have received payment, or when I receive payment, for tree removal from my insurance company, or any other source, I agree to notify and send the payment and proof/statement of loss to the City of Galveston (eligible applicant) for final recovery by FEMA. I understand that all disaster related funding, including that for debris removal from private property, is subject to audit. (I/We) acknowledge(s) that information submitted will be shared with other government agencies, federal and nonfederal, and contractors, their subcontractors and employees for purposes of disaster relief management and for the objectives of this right of entry.

By signing this document, (I/we) certify that (I/we) (am/are) the owner of this property and/or that (I/we) (am/are) authorized to sign this right of entry.

For the consideration and purposes set forth herein, I hereby acknowledge this agreement by my dated signature below.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature _____
Print Name: _____

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____

Mailing Address (if different from municipal address listed above) Telephone Number