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## News Release

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### **Debris Management Following Tornadoes**

Many individual property owners may be trying to determine how best to manage debris left behind following the storms earlier this week. Property owners in rural areas may be able to burn tree limbs if they comply with open burning regulations, which can be viewed under the Tornado Information 2010 link at [www.deq.state.ok.us](http://www.deq.state.ok.us). Property owners must also follow all local ordinances.

Burning other storm debris, including treated lumber, shingles, fences, furniture, household items, appliances, and carpet is prohibited. City and county officials have plans in place to pick up storm debris in some areas.

Please note that in the communities in which curb/roadside pick-up is offered, debris should be placed at the roadside. Cleanup crews will not enter private property to remove the material. Additionally, for those individuals who want to dispose of their own storm debris, it must be taken to a permitted landfill or transfer station.

More information on open burning and debris management can be found at [www.deq.state.ok.us](http://www.deq.state.ok.us) under the May 10, 2010 Tornado Information link. Residents can also call the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality at 1-800-522-0206.

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