

Options for Reuse or Disposal of Damaged Utility Poles

The following are options for reuse and the requirements for disposal of damaged utility poles. Please note that burning utility poles is prohibited.

Reuse

1. The utility companies may choose to contact landowners in the vicinity of the damaged utility poles and offer the poles to them. If a landowner reuses the poles, they are not subject to DEQ regulation.
2. The utility company can transport the damaged poles to one of their facilities and offer the poles for reuse. Poles taken for reuse do not fall under DEQ jurisdiction or regulation.
3. The utility company can transport the damaged poles to a site approved by DEQ for stockpiling and offering the poles for reuse. The utility company must complete an emergency site evaluation and registration form and submit to DEQ for approval before the site is used. Questions regarding the emergency evaluation and registration process should be directed to the local DEQ office, which can be found at: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/deq-local-offices/>.

Disposal

Utility poles must be disposed of using a permitted municipal solid waste landfill. A list of permitted landfills is available at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/land-division/Landfills-Approved-to-Accept-Non-Hazardous-Industrial-Wastes.pdf>. Please contact the landfill prior to transport for specific instructions. Permitted construction and demolition landfills cannot accept the utility poles for disposal.

If you have questions, you may contact the local DEQ office serving your area or DEQ's Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division at (405) 702-6100. Local offices can be found on our website at: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/deq-local-offices/>.

