

# GOHSEP Academy Public Assistance & Debris Removal

This course provides a practical, planning-focused overview of **Public Assistance and Debris Removal**, emphasizing the actions communities must take **before and after disasters** to ensure safe operations and successful reimbursement. Participants will learn how debris removal is coordinated across local, state, and federal partners; how procurement, contracting, and documentation decisions affect eligibility; and how environmental and historic preservation requirements influence debris operations. By the end of the course, participants will leave with a functional understanding of public assistance and a foundational debris management framework for community efficiency and statewide resiliency.

## What participants will learn:

- Explain FEMA Category A debris removal eligibility and limitations
- Identify common procurement, contracting, and documentation issues that delay or reduce reimbursement
- Understand environmental and historic preservation requirements affecting debris operations
- Assess local debris management capabilities and gaps
- Develop a preliminary debris management framework for their jurisdiction



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