



HURRICANE DEBRIS CLEANUP



HIDDEN DANGERS CAN REMAIN LONG AFTER THE STORM

1 STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES



- Assume all downed power lines are energized.
- Stay at least **10 feet** away.
- Never move debris that is in contact with power lines.

2 WEAR THE RIGHT PPE



Always wear:

- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- High-visibility clothing
- Gloves
- Protective footwear
- Respiratory protection when exposed to dust, mold, or airborne debris

3 STAY ALERT AROUND EQUIPMENT



- Stay clear of heavy equipment blind spots.
- Maintain communication with equipment operators.
- Use spotters whenever possible.



Only trained personnel should operate chainsaws, chippers, grinders, and other debris-processing equipment.

4 WATCH FOR HIDDEN HAZARDS



Storm debris may contain:

- Contaminated floodwater
- Mold and bacteria
- Propane cylinders
- Batteries
- Fuel containers
- Chemicals and pesticides



If you find unknown materials—STOP WORK and notify your supervisor.

5 PROTECT YOURSELF



- Prevent strains and sprains by using proper lifting techniques, mechanical aids, and team lifts for heavy or awkward debris.
- Protect yourself from heat stress. Hydrate frequently, take breaks, and monitor coworkers for signs of heat illness.
- Wash hands thoroughly before eating, drinking, smoking.

6 KEEP TETANUS VACCINATIONS CURRENT



- Keep tetanus vaccinations current.
- Promptly report cuts, punctures, or other injuries.

7 COMMUNICATE AND REPORT



- Communicate hazards with your crew.
- Report equipment issues or unsafe conditions immediately.

8 STOP WORK IF UNSAFE



- Conditions can change quickly.
- No cleanup activity is worth risking serious injury or death.