

Debris Cleanup Tools Created From TCEQ Funding



The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) used funding from the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program to provide a series of award-winning educational tools on hurricane preparedness and clean-up for communities across the region before and after Hurricane Harvey.

After Hurricane Harvey, everyone was anxious to get their property back to normal and quickly started moving debris to the curb for removal. Debris that was properly separated made it easier for contractors to remove and ensured that recyclable materials were not sent to a landfill.

To highlight the proper way residents should handle debris after a disaster, HGAC produced a poster and videos that cities and other governments could display on their municipal channels, websites, and social media. The posters and videos were used by over a dozen communities and agencies affected by the storm.

The TCEQ Regional Solid Waste Grants Program provides grants to the 24 councils of governments (COGs) to fund solid waste management activities and projects, like illegal dumping cleanup, recycling bins at schools, and educational materials. Funding for the program is collected from fees for the disposal of waste at landfills.