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### **Storm Debris Disposal**

(Onslow County) As county residents begin the clean up in the aftermath of Hurricane Hanna, many residents may be wondering what to do with the debris.

Residents considering burning their debris in the unincorporated areas of the county should know that the state open-burning rules are clear-- only leaves, branches, and other plant growth can be burned. That means no trash, lumber, shingles, building materials, including lumber and wood scraps.

A burn permit is required unless you are burning within 100 feet of an occupied building. In all other cases, a permit is required, regardless of whether you are burning just a small pile of leaves, or a large pile of fallen limbs. It does not matter if it has just rained. A permit is still required 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you burn, be sure to keep the fire under your control. You will be liable for any damages if an uncontrolled fire results. Permits can be obtained at several retail stores in the county.

The Onslow County Landfill at 415 Meadowview Road also accepts plant materials, as long as the plant material (yard waste) is separated from other trash. This fee will be \$12.00 per ton. Other debris, such as shingles, plywood, etc. can also be disposed of at the landfill. Tipping fees will be charged according to the fee schedule at \$45.00 per ton.

**The Onslow County Landfill will be open from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2008.**

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