



Connecticut Department of

ENERGY &
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PROTECTION

**Storm Event Preparedness and Response
Fact Sheet for Municipalities
Management of Downed Trees and
Other Vegetative Debris**

- **Where can a municipality stage collected downed trees and other vegetative debris?**
 1. Municipalities may use **permitted transfer stations** for staging **downed trees and other vegetative debris** if space allows for the safe management of such materials at the facility. If your permit authorizes management of this type of material then no further authorization is needed. If not authorized, obtain a temporary authorization from CT DEEP.
 2. If a transfer station is not available, then municipalities may use flat areas at their **closed landfills** [i.e., access roads, staging areas, toe of slope, etc.]. Obtain a temporary authorization from CT DEEP.
 3. If neither a transfer station nor a closed landfill is available or sufficient then **other municipal properties** may be considered. Consult with CT DEEP for suitability criteria and approval to obtain a temporary authorization from CT DEEP. Here are some key suitability considerations:
 - a. Paved sites are best. Semi-paved or large parking lots paved in stone dust or gravel is the next best option.
 - b. Use paved areas away from drainage and wetland areas.
 - c. Things to look for: Good ingress/egress; open flat topography
 - d. Things to avoid: Wetlands; drainage pathways; sensitive surrounding land use [schools, nursing homes, hospitals, residential]
- **How does this municipality obtain a temporary authorization to establish a staging area for downed trees and other vegetative debris?**
 1. **Contact CT DEEP:** Robert Isner, Director or Gabrielle Frigon, Permitting Supervisor at 860-424-3023 or robert.isner@ct.gov or gabrielle.frigon@ct.gov
 2. **If property is suitable, CT DEEP will issue emergency authorizations for temporary debris staging areas, whether at transfer stations, closed landfills, or other property.**
- **Can materials other than downed trees and other vegetative debris be staged as part of this authorization?**

No, this is just for downed trees and other vegetative debris.
- **Can this *type* of authorization be used for other storm debris? Demolition materials, shingles, treated wood, etc.**

Yes, a municipality may request to stage other types of debris, however the authorization will be considered separately from the authorization described here for downed trees and vegetative debris.