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## Information for the News Media

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### **Hays County and City of Wimberley Set Meeting to Help Disaster Survivors Remove Debris from Private Property, Restore Riverbanks**

**Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX** – Local officials, including representatives from the City of Wimberley and Hays County, will hold a public meeting Tuesday, September 29, to inform residents whose property was damaged by the Memorial Weekend flood and storms about a new program to remove debris from eligible properties in the unincorporated area of Hays County and within the City of Wimberley. The meeting will be held at the Wimberley Community Center, 14068 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Also at the meeting, representatives from Tree Folks Inc. will be on hand to discuss the riparian restoration assistance they can offer owners of damaged property in the Blanco River floodplain. Hays County Commissioners Court recently partnered with Tree Folks to develop a reforestation plan and pilot project to plant trees along the Blanco River at no cost to property owners.

The Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) program is designed to assist property owners who have been unable to move debris to the curb or right-of-way for pick up. Property owners must apply and have their property evaluated for eligibility. Only debris that is qualified as a public nuisance is eligible so not all property will be covered by the PPDR.

“We have to follow FEMA’s guidelines for this program,” Clint Garza, Development Services Director for Hays County, said. “Applicants will need to disclose some personal information to the County and sign a Right of Entry form so that we have access to their property.” Hays County has posted more information on its website at [www.co.hays.tx.us](http://www.co.hays.tx.us). The deadline to apply for the program is close of business Friday, October 30.

Property owners who are unable to attend the meeting are welcome to call the Development Services office at 512-393-2150 or email [PPDR@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:PPDR@co.hays.tx.us) for more information. Hays County staff will also be available to answer questions and accept applications Mondays-Fridays, 8 .am. to 5 p.m., at the Hays County Development Services Office, 2171 Yarrington Road, San Marcos and at the Wimberley Volunteer Resource Center, 200 Stillwater Road, Wimberley, every Thursday and Friday in October from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions about the river restoration program should be directed to Tree Folks at 512-443-5323 or [matt@treefolks.org](mailto:matt@treefolks.org).

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