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Orange County Announces Disaster Debris Collection *Policy designed to provide relief to municipalities post Irene*

(Goshen, NY) – Deputy County Executive James D. O'Donnell announces that the Orange County Department of Public Works, Division of Environmental Facilities and Services (EF&S) will implement the following procedures, effective immediately, regarding disaster debris management to provide relief to municipalities across the County in the wake of Hurricane Irene:

- Orange County tipping fees at the three Orange County Solid Waste Transfer Stations in New Hampton, Newburgh, and Port Jervis will be waived on Thursday, September 1, Friday, September 2 and, Saturday, September 3, for all disaster debris received by the transfer stations;
- **The tipping fees for regular household garbage are not waived by Orange County;**
- Disaster debris may be brought to the transfer stations by municipal vehicles, contracted vendors of municipalities, and private vehicles;
- Disaster debris **MUST** be separated into various types of waste – metals and appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, dish washers, and like items, and, mixed debris – such as carpets, rugs, bedding, decorations, clothing, and wood furniture, and like items;
- Wood products – including trees, branches, stumps, pallets and unadulterated lumber may be brought to Wessels' Farms, located at 94 Bull Road, Otisville, NY 10963 for no charge. Please contact Mike Wessels at (845) 386-5681, www.wesselsfarm.net;
- All residents are requested to retain their Household Hazardous Waste in a safe and secure container until Friday, September 16 when it will be collected – at a location yet to be announced - by the Orange County Division of Environmental Facilities and Services (EF&S) for businesses, government agencies, schools and farms – although registration is required, and there will be no charge for municipalities and schools for this collection.

For more information, please contact Deputy Commissioner of EF&S Peter S. Hammond at (845) 291-2640, or visit their page on the County's website at www.orangecountygov.com.

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