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**Americorps Chainsaw Debris Program Launches;
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Americorps Chainsaw Debris Program Launches

At the request of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Americorps Disaster Response Teams launched the Americorps Chainsaw Debris Program today. The free service provides for the removal of trees on private residential property that pose an immediate threat to health and safety. A total of 25 team members and staff, along with their chainsaws and tools, arrived on Guam to support the program.

To apply for help, residents should contact their mayor's office to complete an application. The property owner will have to sign a right of entry form authorizing AmeriCorps to do the work. This can be completed with the Mayor's Office at the time of the application or with the AmeriCorps team when they visit to assess the property. Eligible households will be contacted by phone when teams are available to clear their trees. Trees will be cut, and debris will be hauled to the right of way. The speed of debris removal will depend on the number of requests received and the size of the impacted areas. The program will prioritize veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, or others with access or functional needs. The AmeriCorps Chainsaw Debris Project will end on July 28, 2023.

This project was made possible through close collaboration between FEMA, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Serve Guam Commission, Crisis Cleanup and Americorps to support residents needing tree cutting work. AmeriCorps programs sending personnel include Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa, American Conservation Experience, American Youth Works' Texas Conservation Corps and Louisiana Conservation Corps and SBP (formerly Saint Bernard Project).

Ypao Point Disposal Site Update – HHW, E-Waste, and Household Trash Disposal Ends July 8

The Ypao Point disaster debris disposal site in Tamuning will discontinue accepting household hazardous waste (HHW), electronic waste (E-Waste), and household trash after Saturday, July 8, 2023. Residents seeking disposal of these waste types at Ypao Point are urged to visit the site now through Friday, July 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, July 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The old transfer station at Dededo and the former Tiyan carnival grounds at Barrigada discontinued operations on July 3.

HHW may consist of paints, oils, thinners, pesticides, chemical cleaners, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and E-Waste and should not be discarded with household trash or poured down drains. For no-cost HHW disposal options, please consult with the Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) by [CLICKING HERE](#) or the Guam Environmental Protection Agency by visiting www.epa.guam.gov/recycling/. Residents should be advised that Guam Solid Waste Authority is temporarily not accepting liquid hazardous waste.

GSWA residential transfer stations in Harmon, Hagåt and Malojloj are open Thursday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents are urged to dispose of household trash at any of these three stations for a nominal fee. Non-liquid HHW and E-Waste can be disposed of at the GSWA residential transfer station in Harmon. For more information on GSWA's policies and fees associated with the use of residential transfer stations, please visit guamsolidwasteauthority.com or [CLICK HERE](#).

Green waste, wood waste, metallic waste, white goods, and construction waste will still be accepted after July 8. As a reminder, junk tires, junk vehicles, compressed gas cylinders, and junk boats are not accepted at the Ypao Point disaster debris disposal site. Residents are advised to presort and secure their waste loads before traveling to the disposal site.

D-SNAP Updates

Individuals who had no discrepancies on their Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) application and applied from the period between June 22nd to June 25th may see their benefits uploaded later tonight after 7 p.m. ***DPHSS would like to remind D-SNAP participants that their benefits will be valid for 274 days.*** DPHSS will be contacting individuals who have discrepancies on their applications. During the call, applicants may be asked for information to ensure the completeness of their D-SNAP application. Such information may include items like their date of birth. Rest assured, these calls are legitimate and are intended to ensure benefits are issued. Please be aware that DPHSS will be calling using the numbers 671-300-8880 or 671-300-8882 during the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; these numbers will only be active during this time period.

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- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
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