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OPTIONS FOR THE REUSE / DISPOSAL OF DAMAGED UTILITY POLES

Burning utility poles is PROHIBITED

The following is a list of options for the reuse and requirements for disposal of damaged poles.

REUSE

1. The utility companies may choose to contact landowners in the vicinity of the damaged utility poles and offer the poles to them. If a landowner accepts the poles, they are not subject to DEQ regulation.
2. The utility company can transport the damaged poles to one of their facilities and offer the poles for reuse. Poles taken for reuse do not fall under DEQ jurisdiction or regulation.
3. The utility company can transport the damaged poles to a site approved by the Emergency Disposal Site Evaluation and Registry procedure to stockpile and offer the poles for reuse from the site. The Emergency Disposal Site Evaluation and Registry form must be completed, submitted and approved **before** a disposal site is used. The section "Guidelines For Staging/Stockpiling Of Solid Waste" outlines site criteria.

DISPOSAL

Utility poles must be disposed of at a permitted subtitle D landfill. A list of permitted landfills is included in the Guidelines for Debris Management. Please contact the landfill prior to transport for specific instructions. Permitted C&D Landfills **CANNOT** accept the utility poles for disposal.