

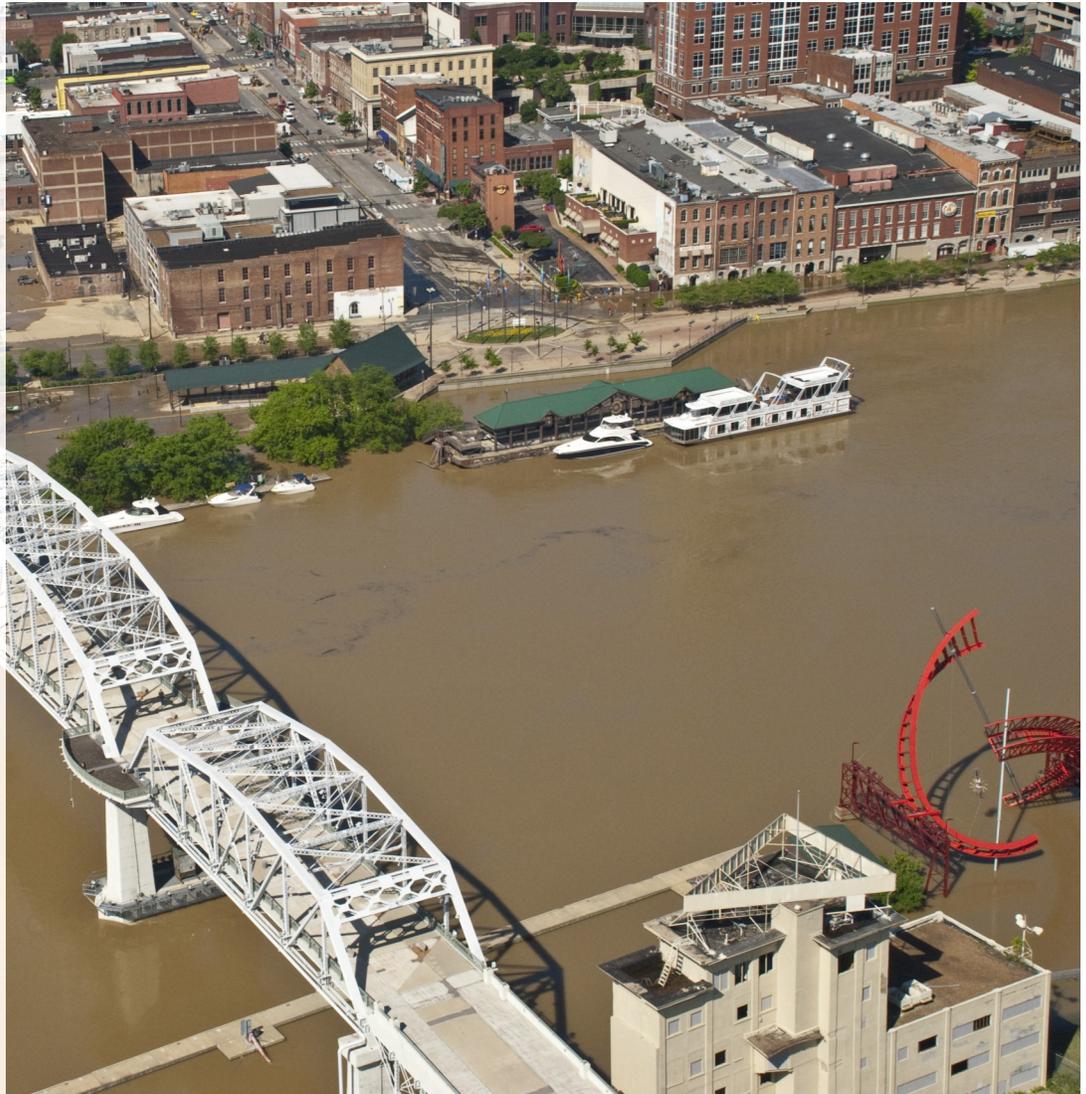
# Metro Codes

E—News For Neighborhoods

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

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## Metro Nashville Recovers From Flood of the Century



Owners of flood-damaged single family residential properties may be able to receive their flood repair permits online, with no visit to the Codes department required.

[Apply for Single Family Residential Flood Repair Permits](#)

# Nashville Is Back

## Nashville Recovers From Worst Flood In Modern History

### Codes Issued More Than 2,366 Residential Flood Building Permits

#### New Online Feature Streamlines Permitting Process

As of June 21, 2010, more than 2,366 residential permits have been issued and 279 are pending since May 2, 2010, as many owners of flood-damaged residential properties begin the rebuilding process. The department has also issued 271 commercial flood repair permits during this same period.

More than 12 percent of these permits have been issued online through the expanded online code permit system launched last month to meet the needs of thousands of homeowners who have been affected by the recent flood.

Owners of flood-damaged one and two-family residential properties located in Davidson County may apply for, receive and print their flood-repair permits online, without having to visit the Codes Department. Affected property owners can learn more and apply online via a link at <http://www.nashville.gov/flood>. The fee for flood-repair permits is being waived up to \$1,300 for permits issued through July 30.

Flood victims that need help in navigating the rebuilding process can meet with a housing coach one-on-one at the Metro Office Building (800 Second Ave. South) in the Donelson Room located on the second floor. The deadline to apply for aid from FEMA and the SBA is July 6.

The recent flood damaged approximately 11,680 Nashville properties, which are now in need of repair. **A building permit and building inspections are required for flood damage repairs.** Initially, the new online feature is available to

homeowners affected by the flood whose properties are not in the floodplain, and those in the floodplain whose properties have been assessed by a Metro Water Services' contractor and their homes were found to have damage worth less than 40 percent of their assessed value. As assessments by Metro Water Services continue, additional homes will be added to the online permit system.



Approximately 5,850 properties, or 50 percent of the total affected by the flood, are located outside of the 100-year floodplain. Owners of these properties are immediately eligible to receive a building permit and are encouraged to move forward with repairs. If your property is located within the 100-year floodplain, before a building permit can be issued, it must first be determined: 1) If your

property is located within the floodway (the most dangerous part of the 100-year floodplain); 2) If the structure sustained damage greater than 50% of its appraised value; and 3) If the first floor of the property meets federal elevation standards.

A flyer about who is eligible for a building permit is available for download online at [http://www.nashville.gov/flood/docs/Building\\_Permit\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.nashville.gov/flood/docs/Building_Permit_Flyer.pdf). Additional information about the permit and inspection processes are available at this link [Flood Repair Permit Information](#).

In a typical year, the Department of Codes and Building Safety issues approximately 10,000 building permits as well as approximately 40,000 trade permits associated with the installation of electrical, HVAC and plumbing systems.

Residential Flood Repair Permits Issued As of June 21, 2010		Number	%
Total Issued Permits Since May 2, 2010		2366	100
	Walk in Permits—CARL	2074	87.66
	Online Permit—CARM	292	12.34
Total Pending Permits Current		TRL= 279	
	Walk in Permit—CARL		
Total Denied Permits Current		0	
	Walk in Permit—CARL		

## Facts Released on Metro Nashville’s Development of a Hazard Mitigation Home Buyout Program

The Recovery Team today released a document entitled “[Facts on Metro Nashville’s Development of a Hazard Mitigation Home Buyout Program in Response to the May 2010 Flood.](#)” The document is attached and will be posted online at [www.nashville.gov/flood](http://www.nashville.gov/flood).



This document is intended to outline the policy and process Metro Government is using to develop a home buyout program, which will help reduce the loss of life and property from any future significant flood event in Davidson County.

As described in the document, additional information about the buyout program, including the final list of properties that will be offered to participate in the initial phase of the buyout program, will be released in the near future.

**Update:** Metro Water Services has identified 305 properties eligible for the initial buyout program. Letters have been mailed to the owners of eligible properties informing them of the program and requesting a Letter of Interest be returned to Metro Water Services by August 1, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.nashville.gov/water/buyout/index.asp>

## Mayor Announces K. R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is Back in Service *Metro Officials Thank Residents and Businesses for Their Conservation Efforts*

After 27 days of assessment and repair, Mayor Karl Dean today announced that the K.R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is back in service. Critical repairs to the water treatment plant, which received substantial damage during the May flood, were completed this morning.

The plant is once again providing safe drinking water to the community and will operate at half capacity while final repairs are conducted. The second half of K.R. Harrington is expected to be operational later this summer.

The total cost of repairs to K.R. Harrington is expected to reach approximately \$42 million. The flood water destroyed the electrical systems and computerized monitoring system within the plant, flooded pumps and motors, and contaminated basins and storage wells at the facility – critical portions of which have now been restored.



applaud our citizens and business owners for their conservation efforts and patience during this time.”

After extensive disinfection and sampling, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) gave Metro Water Services written authorization to place K.R. Harrington back in service.

“Metro Water Services has worked tirelessly to get the K.R. Harrington water plant properly disinfected and back online,” said TDEC Commissioner Jim Fyke. “We appreciate their hard work, and the patience of all Metro Water customers who diligently conserved water to ensure an adequate supply of

clean water for the city.”

Metro Water Services will notify irrigation customers when their service is restored. Car washes in Davidson County have been allowed to return to normal operating hours.

“I appreciate the public’s support in conservation efforts,” Potter said. “And I encourage our customers to continue to use our water supply responsibly as we continue work to bring K.R. Harrington back to full-scale operation.”

Potter said he also extends great appreciation to the many contractors whose assistance was invaluable in this process.

“This is a major step forward in our city’s recovery process,” Mayor Dean said. “K.R. Harrington was one of the most significant public infrastructure losses our city suffered during the flood, and the need to conserve water has had a real impact on our citizens and businesses. Getting the water plant back online is a sign of our steady progress in getting the city back to normal. I applaud Metro Water Services staff for their tireless effort over the last month. Their hard work is no doubt the No. 1 reason we were able to put the water plant back in service this quickly. And I

<b>Commercial Flood Repair Permits Issued As of June 21, 2010</b>		Number
Total Issued Permits Since May 2, 2010		271
Total Pending Permits Current		
	Walk in Permit—CACL	TRC= 50
Total Denied Permits Current		
	Walk in Permit—CACL	0

## Mayor Proposes Third Budget Without Property Tax Increase

*Debt Restructure Allows Mayor to Fully Fund Schools, Preserve Core Public Services*

For the third straight year, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean today announced that he will submit an operating budget to the Metro Council without a property tax increase and with fully funding the budget for Metro Schools. Mayor Dean made the announcement during the annual State of Metro Address, which he delivered this morning at the Court of Flags at Riverfront Park downtown.



Nashville Mayor Karl Dean delivered the 47th Annual State of Metro Address today. He discussed his approach to this year's operating budget and announced that he is holding the line on property taxes again this year.

"Our city is faring better than most," Dean said. "But still, many families in Nashville are sitting down at their kitchen tables, examining their budgets, and facing real financial challenges with how they're going to get by ... As a government, we do not need to add to their burden. In addition, raising taxes in a down economy would potentially stifle our already-slow recovery and hamper our growth. Whatever financial gain our government would get would be more than offset by the negative financial impact it would have on our community as a whole."

In addition to not raising property taxes, Mayor Dean said he made it a priority to preserve essential public services, especially in the areas of education and public safety. With revenue projections flat for fiscal year 2010-2011, the mayor's budget proposes restructuring a portion of the city's debt to lower payments on capital expenditures for the next two years, which will help the city absorb the rising cost of employee benefits and other contractual obligations.

"We have to prepare a balanced budget – operating on a deficit is not an option for local government, nor would we want it to be. So to make ends meet, we are faced with three choices – raise taxes, drastically cut services, or instead, find a practical approach to getting through the remainder of the recession. And that's what we've done," Dean said.

"We can do this, and still protect our city's finances in the long run, because we will take advantage of the historically-low interest rates that have come about as a result of the current economy," he said.

If approved by Council, the mayor's budget calls for Metro departments to receive an average 2 percent cut, allowing Public Works, Metro Parks and the Nashville Public Library to maintain current service levels. Police and Fire will retain all sworn / frontline positions. Metro Schools will receive a \$25 million increase over the general fund dollars allocated last year.

The mayor's budget also allows for a number of service enhancements, including:

- Additional general fund dollars to continue and expand after-school programming for middle school students and a new program that allows high school students to access materials from the Public Library at school

- Funds to support the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Initiative, a comprehensive plan developed through a community-wide process with the goal of reducing poverty in Nashville by 50 percent over the next 10 years
- Following a recent study commissioned by Dollar General and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce that found roughly 12 percent of adults in Davidson County, or 52,000 people, lack basic reading and comprehension skills, the mayor committed to hiring a full-time staff member in the Mayor's Office to work in the area of adult literacy with Dollar General providing half the funds for salary and benefits.

Mayor Dean called Nashville "a city on the rise" and said despite the economic conditions over the last two years, the city has continued to improve.

"We're making progress in our schools. We have a fully-staffed police department. Crime is down. And we are creating new jobs. We're making Nashville an even better place to live. This community deserves the credit. And it's my job to continue working on those things that ensure our city and our citizens thrive," he said.

In conjunction with the operating budget, Mayor Dean said he will file his second capital spending plan. Projects funded by the plan include the construction of the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector, the construction of two additional police precincts in the Madison and South Nashville areas, the planning and design of a new Public Health headquarters facility to replace Lentz, and planning and land acquisition for library in Bellevue, among others. The mayor also allocated \$5 million in the capital budget for the creation of an Open Space Revolving Fund to support the creation and conservation of open space and green space through public / private partnerships.

"With good fiscal management and a determination to see our city thrive, we can continue to invest in our city's infrastructure, and in the areas that matter most; and we will be in an even greater city when the economy begins to recover," Dean said.

[Read the full State of Metro Address online](#)



Grammy Award-winning bluegrass country singer and fiddler Alison Krauss gave a special surprise performance at the beginning of the event.



Over 400 people attended the event, which was held at the Court of Flags at Riverfront Park downtown.

## Obtaining Permits Associated With The Repair Of Flood Damaged Homes

**A building permit is required** prior to making repairs to flood damaged homes and buildings.

While building permits are not required for ordinary maintenance and repairs, the repair of a flood damaged home or building is far from 'ordinary'.

While there are no permits required to do the "demolition" and "clean-up" associated with the project (the removal of drywall and damaged carpet, doors, etc.), a building permit is required prior to installation of the drywall and prior to repair of any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical (HVAC) system damage.

### How does a building permit benefit the Homeowner?

In a word: SAFETY. A building permit and the inspections that accompany a permit protect you, your family and guests, and future owners. It protects your neighbor. It protects your contractor. It protects the city. Evidence of permits and inspections may be required in an insurance claim or property sale. All of this adds up to a protection of your property's value.



### Who can obtain Building Permits?

A property owner who presently occupies or intends to occupy a single-family residence or a licensed contractor may obtain a building permit to construct or repair a residence.



[Schedule your inspections via phone after your permit has been issued](#)  
[Additional Information](#)

## Obtain a Permit

### On-Line Permit — **Obtain Residential Flood Repair Permits On-line**

Property Owners who presently occupy or intend to occupy the residence and want to do the repair work themselves may use our new on-line permitting system. This system can be used from any computer which has access to the internet.



[On-Line Instructions](#)



[Schedule your inspections via phone after your permit has been issued](#)

### In Person Permit — **Flood Permit Application Process**

You or your contractor can come to the Department of Codes Administration on the Third Floor of the Metro Office Building located at 800 Second Avenue, South to apply in person for the building permit. The Permit Division phone number is 615 862-6517.

## State Fire Marshal Reminds Tennesseans to Follow Grilling Safety Guidelines



Leslie A. Newman, Commissioner  
Department of Commerce and  
Insurance

Nice weather, cookouts and gatherings are the perfect recipe for summer good times. The State Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind Tennesseans that cooking safety is important, whether indoors or outdoors.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), gas and charcoal grills cause an average of 900 home structure fires and 3,500 home outdoor fires each year. "By all means, enjoy the weather and the cookouts," says State Fire Marshal Leslie A. Newman, "but keep fire safety on your mind as you grill."

Be sure to practice the following safety guidelines:

- Position the grill away from siding, deck railings, overhanging eaves and overhanging branches. Half of all gas and charcoal grill fires begin on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when handling food.
- Periodically remove grease buildup in trays, to prevent ignition by a hot grill.
- Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grills. Leaks and breaks in the gas cylinder or hose are the leading cause of gas grill fires. Placing combustibles too close to heat and leaving cooking unattended are two other leading causes.
- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Applying a light soap-and-water solution to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by bubbling.
- If you determine your grill has a gas leak, turn off the valve on the tank and have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only gas cylinders with an overfill protection device (OPD). OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel. OPDs shut off the flow of gas before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.
- When using charcoal grills, avoid using starter fluid – use a chimney starter instead. This is a cylindrical metal tube that uses paper to start the coals. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid.
- "Outdoor grilling is a big part of Tennesseans' summertime activities," said Newman. "Make safety your No. 1 priority by using common sense and following these tips."

The Department of Commerce and Insurance works to protect consumers while ensuring fair competition for industries and professionals who do business in Tennessee. [www.tn.gov/commerce/](http://www.tn.gov/commerce/)





**Join Mayor Karl Dean to dedicate  
Nashville's new artist-designed bicycle racks**

**Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Roundabout Plaza Building**  
**1600 Division Street**

**HOSTS**  
Metro Nashville Arts Commission  
Mayor's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Walk/Bike Nashville

A reception will be held in the lobby of Roundabout Plaza  
on the north side of the roundabout at Music Row

Free parking is available in the Roundabout Plaza garage.

*R.S.V.P. by email to [arts@nashville.gov](mailto:arts@nashville.gov) or call 862-6721*



## What's hotter than the Fourth of July?

The annual Music City Hot Chicken Festival celebrating an original Nashville culinary tradition - hot chicken!

This free event features the unique southern flare of local restaurants, amateur cooking competition, inflatable jumpys for the kids, the Yazoo Brewery beer garden, and of course, legendary Nashville music.

The first 500 people will be treated to free hot chicken samples from Prince's Hot Chicken Shack, The Chicken Shack and Bolton's Spicy Chicken & Fish. After the free bird is gone, you can head over to the food garden and purchase some tasty hot chicken.

"Music is the soul of Nashville and hot chicken feeds the soul of Music City."

-Buckshot Malone July 1977

So plan to join us on **Sunday, July 4 from Noon until 5pm** for an afternoon of hot chicken, hot music, and cool suds.

## Festival Info

- [Volunteer/Sponsorship](#)
- [Amateur Cooking Contest](#)
- [Festival Partners](#)
- [Location/Directions](#)
- [About Us/Contact Info](#)
- [2009 Festival Photos](#)
- [The Hot Chicken Story](#)
- [The Politics of Hot Chicken](#)

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## Take Steps Now to Reduce the Mosquito Population this Spring and Summer

From the Director of Health, Dr. Bill Paul

The past few days of warm weather paired with rain are reminders that spring has arrived, along with mosquito larvae and biting mosquitoes.

The Health Department's Pest Management staff is monitoring areas of standing water throughout Davidson County looking for mosquito larvae. They will apply a granular larvicide to kill larvae

before they become biting mosquitoes. Last week Pest Management staff found larvae for the first time this year.

The Health Department encourages everyone to take important steps now and throughout the summer to help reduce the mosquito population by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes lay eggs. This includes unclogging gutters, washing out bird baths, and removing standing water from children's toys and flower pots.

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## Take Mayor Karl Dean's Environmental Pledge

Five simple things that each of us can do, starting today. We are going to feature one of the Mayor's pledge points each month in our newsletter. Whether we live in an apartment or home, these small choices can help create a healthier, cleaner and safer environment for everyone. For more information about the Environmental Pledge, go to: <http://www.nashville.gov/green/forms/pledge.aspx>



### WASTE

**I PLEDGE** to replace my use of plastic shopping bags, by substituting reusable bags instead. **I CAN** save up to 208 plastic bags a year from being made.

**TOGETHER** all Nashvillians can eliminate 120,400,000 plastic bags and 2,257,000 pounds of waste every year.

## Community News



### Become our fan on Facebook

Metro Government is now on Facebook. Get news updates and information about events by becoming our fan.

## Chihuly at the Frist May 9, 2010–January 2, 2011



There are few contemporary artists whose name is as synonymous with the medium in which he works as Dale Chihuly, who is widely regarded as the most innovative glass artist working today. Active since the 1960s, Chihuly is credited with almost single handedly elevating the postwar American studio glass movement to the international prominence it now enjoys.



*Chihuly at the Frist* will showcase the unsurpassed mastery of the artist and his Seattle glass-studio collaborators in nine installations drawn from some of Chihuly's most acclaimed series, designed specifically for the Frist Center's galleries.

## Mayor Karl Dean Dedicates "Citizen," New Art In The Public Square Park

*Glass-and-Steel Sculptures 'Welcome' Visitors to Courthouse Park*



Nashville Mayor Karl Dean formally dedicated "Citizen," the city's newest public art, during public ceremonies on the Public Square Park at the historic Metro Courthouse.

"Citizen," designed by Raleigh, N.C. artist Thomas H. Sayre, is composed of two citizens having a conversation. They are located in

spaces at the southeast and southwest corners of the oval lawn on the Public Square. Both sculptures are composed of a tall, vertical base holding a torso of a man and a woman, made of a radial pattern of glass "fins" which will be clearly recognizable as humans pointing with an outstretched arm.

**"These two sculptures represent the history of this space and our hope that the Public Square Park will be the central gathering place for Nashville citizens."**

**Public Art is an important part of the identity of a city, and I look forward to seeing new installations across our community in the future."**

Mayor Karl Dean

The exterior of the columnar bases are made of woven stainless steel, acting as a durable skin to a mechanical system which will allow the public at any time to slowly rotate the glass torsos via a large, durable crank.

Mayor Dean used the opportunity of the dedication to mention the great deeds of Nashville citizens over the past six weeks.

"It is fitting, as we dedicate this new public art called "Citizen," that we celebrate what it means to be a citizen of Nashville," Dean said. "Over the past six weeks, I have seen so many examples of Nashville citizens who opened their arms and their hearts to help those fellow Nashvillians who need help.

Metro Nashville Arts Commission Executive Director Jennifer G. Cole said the art represents the city's "heart and soul—its citizens" and lauded Sayre's vision of two people conversing on the Courthouse square. "The two conversing figures represent the history of this space—relating how many conversations have

occurred here that have affected the history of the city of Nashville," Cole said.

## Alarm Registration—Have You Registered?

The [alarm registration law](#) for Metro Nashville requires that all alarm systems in operation in Davidson County be registered annually with the Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

There is a permit fee of \$20.00 for residential systems and \$50.00 for commercial systems. All permits expire April 1 each year.

You can submit your registration form and payment to the Clerk's Office by mail or you can obtain your permit in person. If you have to make changes to your permit, they can be revised by sending in the

new information along with a \$2.50 computer fee to the Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

To register by mail, send your application and fee to:  
Alarm Registration  
P.O. Box 196321  
Nashville, TN 37219-6321

You can obtain a permit in person at:  
Metropolitan Clerk's Office  
205 Metropolitan Courthouse  
Nashville, TN 37201



## Save The Date—October 2nd Codes Announces Annual Golf Tournament

The 14th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course.

Last year's tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in \$23,000 being donated to local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

This year, all proceeds will again go to the MECCC for the benefit of local charities, Easter seals Camp Programs and the Harris-Hillman School.



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## PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCES FLOOD DEBRIS GUIDELINES FOR METRO RESIDENTS

As thousands of Davidson County citizens begin cleaning up from the weekend's historic flooding, Metro Public Works has issued the following preliminary guidelines for residents who need to place debris curbside for collection:

All items and materials **MUST** be separated into four different piles, and placed at the curb or street-side for collection. If the debris is not separated, it will not be collected.

1. White goods and metals (appliances, etc.)
2. Construction and demolition debris (lumber, windows, etc.)
3. Vegetation (brush, limbs and all other yard waste)
4. Household trash and garbage (including carpet)

Items should **NOT** be placed in public alleys. Alleys need to remain clear for emergency crews and trash collection services.

While Public Works is still finalizing a comprehensive plan and schedule for debris collection, residents can go ahead and place items out for collection.

All debris and flood-damaged items should be placed at the curb/street side for collection. Davidson County residents **SHOULD NOT** bring these items to Metro Convenience Centers for disposal. For additional information, residents should call Customer Service at 862-8750



### PASS IT ON!

Pass the word about our newsletter! We would be honored if you would share our newsletter with your colleagues and co-workers. If anyone would like to sign up to receive it themselves, they just need to send us their email, and we will be happy to "Pass It On" to them.



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