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PUBLIC ASKED TO IDENTIFY LAKE AND RIVER DEBRIS FOR FUTURE CLEANUPS

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SEGUIN-In a matter of days, the Guadalupe River and the lakes adjacent to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's hydroelectric dams became home to more than fish and aquatic plants.

Flood waters deposited refrigerators, cars, campers, hunks of concrete, garages, boats and other objects that must eventually be located and removed.

GBRA is currently focusing its efforts on repairing water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants and floodgates to restore normal services and water levels, said general manager Bill West.

"Once this is accomplished, we plan to help homeowners' organizations and lake management groups organize cleanup events to remove debris from the river and lakes. This may involve lowering lake levels in conjunction with each cleanup," West said.

"We are asking residents to identify large debris by taking a photograph of its location. If the debris is close to the river bank, a plastic bottle or other floating marker can be attached to the object or to a waterfront or boathouse to mark its position. This will make it easier to remove these items in case they are hidden from view once river levels return to normal. These markers will also warn people about dangerous obstacles below the surface of the water."

West said GBRA has received many calls about how to dispose of debris along the water's edge. "If possible, move the items up on the river bank until the cleanup events are organized. Items too heavy to move should be left where they are and marked. Please don't dump debris back into the river where it will become a hazard to others."