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Storm Debris Removal Policy

The City of Kirkwood recognizes that clean up after a storm event can place a strain on both the public and on City resources. To ensure that citizens are served, and that City equipment and work crews are utilized efficiently, the following policy will apply to the cleanup and disposal of tree limbs or branches caused by wind, hail, ice, and snowstorms.

These measures will apply, when the City initiates the Storm Debris Removal Policy. When the policy is initiated public announcements will be placed on the City's webpage, Facebook, Police Department notifications, City customer services representatives and other local media outlets with information for this type of situation.

The Street Department and Urban Forester will coordinate the storm debris removal activities. City employees receiving resident's requests should answer questions in accordance with this policy and should pass on contact information to the Street Department via e-mail. In the interest of good customer service, resident calls should be handled by the initial city employee contacted.

Purpose:

- To maintain safe and passable streets, avenues, boulevards, and ways the City's Street Department will clear debris from the roadway.
 - Debris that falls in the roadway from City maintained trees shall be cleared and disposed of by the City.
 - Debris that falls in the roadway from private property shall be cleared for safety by the City. However disposal shall remain the responsibility of the property owner upon which the debris came from. For larger debris the City recommends hiring a licensed contractor.
- Tree limbs no longer than three feet in length, and two inches in diameter should be disposed of in Kirkwood Yard Waste bags that are used for regular everyday yard waste or tied together with natural twine in bundles no longer than three and no larger than 18" in diameter each bundle shall have a Kirkwood Yard Waste sticker attached to each bundle. These bags and bundles will be picked up on the resident's regularly scheduled collection day.
- Storm debris is considered tree limbs or branches greater than two inches in diameter that have been damaged by a storm.
- Tree limbs and branches brought down as a result of a storm may be cut and stacked behind the curb of the individual's residence. The City will initiate storm debris removal pick-up to dispose of this type of debris. **Note:** City crews will not be responsible for picking up branches and debris placed on private property.
- Under no circumstances should any type of storm debris be piled or pushed into the street. Such debris can end up being washed into drainage inlets in a subsequent storm clogging them and creating a flooding hazard.



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- For downed trees and limbs that residents are unable to manage on their own, City staff recommends hiring a licensed contractor.

Remember this policy is for damaged tree limbs caused by storms only. Please do not trim trees at this time as City crews will not be responsible for picking them up. The owner/occupant may choose to hire a licensed contractor to remove damaged limbs, but it is the responsibility of the contractor to haul the limbs to the landfill. The City appreciates the cooperation of the public in ensuring the timely and efficient cleanup of storm debris.



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