

City crews clean up and collect 1,972 tons of storm debris

On July 7th strong winds, estimated between 60-80 MPH in various parts of the city, caused numerous power outages and downed trees/limbs. The two weeks following the storm, city crews worked approximately 1,400 hours to clear storm debris from the right-of-way and the Forestry Division responded to 190 service calls to prune hangers and/or remove branches.

The city also offered assistance in several other ways:

1. The city's Wood Recovery and Compost Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street temporarily opened Tuesday, July 8th through Saturday, July 12th for residents to drop off storm debris (i.e. tree limbs). There was no charge for drop-off of storm debris.
2. City crews picked up bundles of tree limbs with the regularly scheduled yard waste collection on Monday, July 14th. Fifteen solid waste crews worked 10.5 hours to collect all storm debris that fit in the rear load packer trucks and transported it to the city's Wood Recovery and Compost Facility.
3. Tree trunks and limbs placed at the curb that were too large for Monday's yard waste collection were picked up Tuesday, July 15th through Friday, July 18th with larger city trucks including a grapple truck.

A total of 6,310 cubic yards of storm debris, equivalent to 1,972 tons, was collected by the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department (Street Division and Solid Waste Division). This storm debris will be processed into woodchips for use by city departments and to be sold to the public.

