

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 21, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **June 9, 2019, Storm Debris Collection Update**

As you know, the June 9, 2019, storm event caused extensive tree damage and significant storm debris across Dallas. In response, the City suspended its normal bulk and brush trash collection service for the remainder of June and July in order to focus on collecting storm debris. Beginning with this memorandum, we will provide weekly reports to keep City Council and our customers informed of our progress.

Our preliminary estimate is that the storm may have created over 70,000 tons or about 500,000 cubic yards of storm related debris (mostly tree debris). Last month, our crews collected 26,000 tons in May, which was the highest monthly total in 8 years.

Immediately after the storm that Sunday, sanitation crews began preliminary damage assessments and took action to increase collection capacity. Within 3 days, 17 private contract crews were added and within 5 days after the storm, a total of 24 contract crews were mobilized to augment the City's 26 debris removal collection teams.

To further add capacity, the City immediately began work to establish a temporary staging area and grind site near an area hardest hit by storm. On Saturday, June 15, with the cooperation of TxDOT, staff was able to secure and open a key 16-acre temporary staging area and grind site near IH-635 and US-75. This site cuts disposal travel distance for some of the hardest hit areas by half, or in some instances by over 90%.

With these measures, the City has been able to significantly increase collection capacity. Before the storm event, collection crews hauled just over 1,100 loads for disposal in the June Week 1 area (6.6 days). After the storm, collection crews have hauled approximately 2,500 loads during the first 8 days in Week 2 areas (which began June 12). Additionally, the private contractors utilize larger capacity trucks (built for disaster assistance), so the loads and cubic yards per load have increased.

By Tuesday of this week, daily production was about 2.5 times more than the previous week's average. Within 9 days from the initial storm, the City has been able to increase daily collection production by 145%.

As of today, crews have completed Week 2 areas in southeast, southwest and northwest portions of Dallas and will increase focus on the Week 2 areas just north of 635, along Hillcrest Rd. and Preston Rd., and Week 2 areas just east White Rock Lake. Currently, our goal is to complete the northeast Week 2 areas by the end of Saturday and the north/635 Week 2 areas by Tuesday of next week.

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As we continue storm debris collections, we are following established brush and bulk collection areas for route sequencing (Weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, with each numbered week beginning on a Monday). However, based on current volumes, we are still running late. We plan to begin collecting Week 3 areas by next Tuesday. Although collection times are difficult to forecast, we currently have a goal to complete the Week 3 area by July 5 and Week 4 areas by July 17. After completion of Week 4 areas, we will utilize the remainder of July to complete additional storm debris collection starting with Week 1 areas.

As a reminder, the City is asking residents to restrict brush/bulk set-outs to storm debris only for the remainder of June and July. To assist with collection efforts, the City also requests that residents place tree debris, branches or shrubbery separate from other storm debris such as damaged fence panels or bagged storm/vegetative debris. Clean tree and green waste may be collected separately and taken to temporary processing sites nearby to expedite the overall collection process. Mixing or comingling storm debris or continuing to place out non-storm debris will slow citywide collection efforts.

Residents may also utilize the City's transfer stations or McCommas Bluff Landfill during designated days to self-haul debris (visit www.dallaszerowaste.com for information on transfer station and landfill operating hours and restrictions). Code Compliance will not issue citations for storm debris related items. Sanitation Services is planning to return to their normal bulk and brush waste schedule in August.

Attached is a map with the areas currently anticipated to be complete by the end of today. Week 2 areas that are not "hatched" are those where crews will be working Saturday and Monday. The map also lists the estimated cubic yards collected in Week 1 and 2 areas through June 20.

If you have any question, please contact me or Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services.



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STORM DEBRIS COLLECTION STATUS

WEEK

- 1 COMPLETED
- 2 COMPLETED
- IN PROGRESS
- 3
- 4

Week of Service	Estimated Cubic Yards Collected*
June - Week 1	40,000
June - Week 2	110,000

*Collected through June 20, 2019

