

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 28, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Storm Debris Collection Update**

As you know, Dallas had extensive tree damage and significant storm debris following the storm event on June 9, 2019. In response, the City suspended its normal bulk and brush trash collection service for the remainder of June and July to focus on collecting storm debris. This memorandum provides a weekly progress update for your information.

We continue to estimate that the storm may have created over 70,000 tons or about 500,000 cubic yards of storm related debris, mostly from tree damage. For perspective, our average monthly volume is about 14,000 tons for bulk and brush, with an eight-year peak of 26,000 tons collected in May 2019.

In the last 14 working days, it is estimated that crews have collected almost 200,000 cubic yards of debris, which is almost double an average monthly total. City of Dallas and contract crews have collected over 4,600 loads of debris in Week 2 areas since collections began on June 12. Of the 4,600 loads, about 2,500 loads or approximately 125,000 cubic yards have been taken to the temporary staging and grinding site near IH-635 and US-75.

A grinding contractor is now in place at the temporary site and working to reduce the size of the vegetative debris, grinding approximately 10,000 cubic yards per day. We are contracting for a service to begin hauling the reduced debris out of the temporary site next week. The debris will be utilized as wet road base at the McCommas Bluff Landfill or other beneficial uses that divert it from being buried at the landfill.

Attached is a map which reflects those areas where collections have been completed as well as the areas remaining. We have continued to follow our established brush and bulk collection areas for route sequencing (weeks 1, 2, 3, 4 with each numbered week beginning on a Monday). Due to the volumes created by the storm event, each week continues to run long.

Contractor crews completed our last Week 2 area yesterday and have today joined our Sanitation crews, which began collections in Week 3 areas this past Monday. We estimate that Week 4 area collections will begin during the week of July 8. At the end of July, we will return to collect debris not set-out for collection during our initial sweep.

Additionally, we will add 10 contractor crews next week as we reach areas farther from the temporary site. This should allow us to maintain or increase our collection capacity as we begin to see longer hauling times from the collection areas to the disposal sites.

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Lastly, Public Works has identified street bond project areas affected by the storm and are utilizing their maintenance teams to remove any obstructing debris so that work may continue.

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](http://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.

We also continue to ask for patience from our customers as the magnitude of the debris created by the storm is extensive and all areas of the city are affected. We appreciate your help communicating this message.

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



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## WEEK

