

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 12, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Storm Debris Collection Update**

This memo is to provide an update on storm debris collection following the storm event on June 9, 2019. As previously communicated, **the City suspended its normal bulk and brush trash collection service for the month of July to focus on collecting storm debris.** This memorandum is our weekly progress update for your information.

We originally estimated that the storm may have created over 500,000 cubic yards of storm related debris, mostly from tree damage. Based on recently updated numbers, we are now estimating collection volumes will be over 600,000 cubic yards. For perspective, our average monthly volume is estimated to be just over 100,000 cubic yards.

Since the beginning of collecting Week 2, on June 12th after the storm, City of Dallas and contract crews have collected over 8,500 loads of debris. In the last 25 working days alone, it is estimated that crews have collected over 375,000 cubic yards of debris, which is almost four times an average monthly total. Of the 375,000 cubic yards, about 4,200 loads or approximately 200,000 cubic yards have been taken to the temporary staging and grinding site near IH-635 and US-75. Due to significant increases in collection volumes this week; we opened an additional tree and vegetative debris staging and grind site on a 12+ acre parcel of City property located near Greenville Avenue and IH-635.

Attached is a map which reflects those areas where brush/bulk and storm debris collections have been completed since June 1 or areas we estimate to be completed by the end of the day today, Friday, July 12, 2019. We have continued to follow our established brush and bulk collection areas for route sequencing since June 1st (weeks 1, 2, 3, 4 with each numbered week beginning on a Monday). However, due to the volumes created by the storm event, each collection week continues to run long.

All Week 3 areas were completed by Tuesday July 9th. Week 4 collections started in all areas Wednesday, July 10th. Based on updated area inspections, Week 4 volumes are estimated to be greater than previous collection weeks and weekly collection debris is starting to include more bulk, bagged and non-storm related debris which is adding to volumes and affecting collection times. Although we have added 10 additional contractor crews, for a total of 35 contract crews, we estimate completion of Week 4 may take up to 14 working days. When we complete Week 4, we will move to Week 1, much of which was collected just prior to the storm. Additionally, based on actual collection times in Week 4 and the upcoming Week 1, we may have to reassess our ability to re-sweep previously collected areas prior to the start of regular August brush and bulk collection.

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As a reminder, we suspended normal brush/bulk collection for the month of July to focus on storm debris collection. To assist with collection efforts, we continue to ask 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.

We 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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STORM DEBRIS COLLECTION STATUS

Week

- 1 Brush/Bulk Completed (June 4 - June 11)*
- 2 Storm Collection Completed (June 12 - June 24)
- 3 Storm Collection Completed (June 24 - July 9)
- 4 Storm Collection Completed
- In Progress

*Week 1 storm collection will begin upon completion of week 4

