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## PRESS RELEASE



**City of Norman**  
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For Immediate Release: May 11, 2015

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### Debris Removal – May 6, 2015 Storm

**Norman, Oklahoma** - The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process in the wake of the **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 tornado** and straight line wind damage that caused damage in northwest Norman.

The City's on-call debris removal contractor TFR Enterprises, Inc. of Leander, Texas will assist city staff in conducting the Debris Removal process. In order to remove the fallen vegetation, construction debris, trash, and other non-vegetative wastes, the City will provide debris removal from the street right-of-way, generally the area 15 feet behind the edge of the street, beginning on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. **Residential areas eligible for Debris Removal must be located in the northwestern area of Norman as depicted on the attached map.**

#### General Removal Guidelines:

- Crews have begun working within the City rights-of-way to remove storm related debris and cut down and remove any damaged limbs that may impact the public right-of-way.
- Crews will be working between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week until the work is completed.
- Weather permitting, the first pass of debris removal from the May 6, 2015 tornado will begin on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 and is expected to be completed by Friday, May 22, 2015.
- Weather permitting, the second and final pass of debris removal will begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and is expected to be completed by Friday, June 5, 2015.
- **Please keep vegetative debris separated from construction and demolition debris, as they will be collected separately.** Construction and demolition debris (C&D) includes building materials such as lumber, roof shingles, wooden fences, glass, metal products, such as storage buildings and play equipment as well as lawn

furniture. The vegetative debris and C&D may not be picked up from the right-of-way at the same time. The two different types of debris will be picked up by different trucks and will be disposed of in different ways.

- City crews will not remove limbs or debris from power lines. Please contact the appropriate power company for this service.
  - Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) 405-272-9595 or
  - Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC) 405-321-2024
- Norman residents are asked to place any storm-generated debris from this event on the public rights-of-way. Please do not place debris in the road, on sidewalks, or within the intersection sight triangle (25 feet of street corners) as this can cause a safety concern. **Residential areas eligible for debris removal must be located in the northwestern area of Norman as depicted on the attached map.**
- The public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents should make every effort to place clean, woody debris along the public street rights-of-way or drainage channels. This should include storm-damaged limbs, branches and other vegetative material (woody burnable debris such as limbs and shrubbery). This material should be cut in approximately 8'-12' lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way or within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway. Do not bag these items.
- Bagged debris should not be placed on the public right-of-way; only loose debris will be collected. Bagged debris will be collected at the normal yard waste collection.
- Norman citizens are asked to avoid storm damaged areas as the increased traffic will only delay cleanup operations. Thank you.
- Only residential properties in the northwestern area of Norman, as depicted on the attached map, are eligible for debris removal.
- No commercial or industrial properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman. This material can be disposed of at the City of Norman Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road if the limbs are no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter at no cost. Larger debris may be disposed of for a fee at the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.
- Do not place debris near mail boxes, poly carts, water meter vaults, gas meters, fire hydrants or any other above-ground utility.
- Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection. Do not place debris in alleys for collection.
- During the debris removal process, City contractors will collect debris along the street rights-of-way. Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Contractors will have flag persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operations. Please be cautious when passing and travel at slow speeds in these areas.
- Weekly household garbage and yard waste collection will continue its normal schedule. Limbs no larger than two inches in diameter, bundled in four foot lengths will be picked up by the City Sanitation Division. Larger items can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 S. Chautauqua Avenue or the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road. Please place the bags of yard waste along the curb as usual, but keep separate from the storm debris.
- All residential neighborhoods in the northwestern area of Norman, as depicted on the attached map, which receive regular city Sanitation services, are eligible for debris removal. In other words, debris removal will be provided to residential properties located on public and private streets, provided that those properties receive city services such as sanitation or water.
- Residents are asked to remove parked cars or other obstructions from the public street when the debris contractor is working.
- Please check the City of Norman Website [www.normanok.gov](http://www.normanok.gov) for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.

For more information or to report private property damage incurred as a result of this debris removal operation, please call the City's Action Center at **405-366-5396** or [action.center@normanok.gov](mailto:action.center@normanok.gov) or the City of Norman Public Work Department at **405-366-5453**.

The City of Norman is working hard to clean up from this disaster. Your patience during this difficult time is appreciated. Thank you.

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